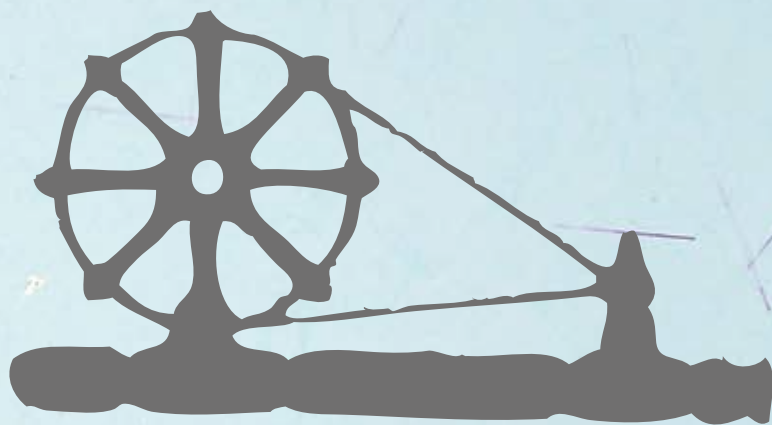


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Foreword

A Long March towards Peace and Nonviolence

"There is no way to peace, peace is the way." – Mahatma Gandhi

It is significant that during the ongoing celebrations of the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti has been able to reach out extensively to different stakeholders across the length and breadth of the country to contribute towards the cherished goals of peace and nonviolence. The Samiti works to reach out to different groups across the country organizing activities delving on the wide spectrum of Gandhian philosophy.

We firmly believe that spreading the wide ranging philosophy of Mahatma will enable to contribute towards an India of Bapu's dreams.

Bapu was a man of both thought and action. Bhikhu Parekh has aptly described this trait of the Mahatma in his article on Gandhi's Legacy. Parekh notes, "As a man of thought he saw through the malaise and madness of modernity, and offered an alternative vision that combined the best insight of both the pre-modern and modern world-views while avoiding the confusions and contradictions of the currently fashionable post-modernism. Indeed, argue his admirers, if Indians were to be asked to mention their greatest twentieth-century thinker, most would unhesitatingly refer to Gandhi and would feel hard pressed to mention another. Gandhi was also a man of action, and was unique in acting at both political and personal levels."



As can be gauged from Parekh's perspectives, Gandhi's vision crosses timeless boundaries, it was relevant during his times, and it is relevant now and will remain relevant in the future. He saw the humaneness in all individuals and this is central to his approach to address human concerns. Parekh further describes this in his article, "For Gandhi humanity was indivisible, in the sense that no man could degrade or brutalise another without also degrading or brutalising himself, or inflict psychic and moral damage on others without inflicting it on himself as well." This is also an important intervention of the Samiti.

Here it may be pointed out that to assimilate and act on the comprehensive philosophy of the Mahatma is a challenge and the Samiti tries to promote this using innovative approaches.

Also to promote peaceful transformation of conflicts, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti is organizing training and sensitization programmes on nonviolent communication and nonviolent conflict resolution for civil servants, police, different forces, educationists and students. This has been the Samiti's significant intervention in the past two years. We firmly believe that by promoting the habit of using of nonviolent communication in our work and daily lives we will encourage avoidance of conflicts. The Gandhian approach to nonviolent conflict resolution offers great alternatives to violent disputes. We strongly believe that the use

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In the past one year, the Samiti started supporting different skill development initiatives in different parts of the country. These programmes are aimed at empowering marginalized women. Helping the underprivileged hone their traditional skills will enable them to strengthen their livelihood.

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Another major intervention has been to sensitize people's representatives on different dimensions of Gandhian philosophy and ethics. Here, it would be worthwhile to quote Mahatma Gandhi from 'My Picture of Free India', "It is an illusion to think MLAs are the guides of the voters. Voters do not need representatives to the Assemblies in order to be guided by them. On the contrary, they are sent there loyally to carry out the people's wishes. The people are therefore the guides not the MLAs. The latter are servants, the former masters." The Gandhian principles provides valuable lessons in policy making and if integrated can contribute towards addressing basic human needs and also issues such as economic inequality, social oppression and justice. Gandhi's idea on sustainable consumption and sustainable lifestyle offers important pointers to frame policies that promote mutual coexistence and harmony with nature. With the world facing the challenge of climate change, the Gandhian principles remind us the clear demarcation between what is needed and unprincipled greed of human beings.

For us at Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, it is highly encouraging that we are reaching out to different pillars of our democracy- people's representatives, judiciary, the bureaucracy and the forces including the police. We sincerely hope that the far-reaching initiatives amongst all these stakeholders will go a long way in making effective impact in the governance structure and the deepening of democratic values in our country.

Dipanker Shri Gyan
Director

Introduction

Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti: A Profile

Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (GSDS) was formed in September 1984 by the merger of Gandhi Darshan at Rajghat and Gandhi Smriti, at 5, Tees January Marg as an autonomous body, and is functioning under the constructive advice and financial support from the Ministry of Culture, Government of India. The Prime Minister of India is its Chairperson and it has a nominated body of senior Gandhians and representatives of various government departments to guide it in its activities. The basic aim and objective of the Samiti is to propagate the life, mission and thought of Mahatma Gandhi through various socio-educational and cultural programmes.

The Samiti has two campuses:

(a) Gandhi Smriti

Gandhi Smriti, housed in the Old Birla House on 5, Tees January Marg, New Delhi, is the sacred place where Mahatma Gandhi's epic Life ended on 30 January 1948. Mahatma Gandhi had lived in this house from September 9, 1947 to January 30, 1948. Thus, the hallowed house treasures many memories of the last 144 days of his life. The Old Birla House was acquired by the Government of India in 1971 and was converted into a National Memorial of the Father of the Nation and was opened to the public on August 15, 1973.

The preserves include the room where Gandhiji lived and the Prayer Ground where mass congregation used to be held. This was the place where Gandhiji was felled by the assassin's bullets. The building and the landscape have been preserved as they were in those days.

The Memorial consists of:

1. *Visual Aspects* to perpetuate the memory of Mahatma Gandhi and the noble ideals they represented,
2. *Educative Aspects* to focus concentrated attention on certain values of life that made Gandhi a Mahatma and
3. *Service Aspects* to introduce activities in order to sub-serve certain felt needs.

On display in the Museum are photographs, sculptures, paintings, frescos, inscriptions on rocks and relics pertaining to the years Gandhiji spent here. The meagre personal effects of Gandhiji too are carefully preserved.

The entrance gate itself is of great historical significance as it was from the top of this Gate Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru announced to the World about the passing away of Mahatma Gandhi, "... the light has gone out our lives and there is darkness everywhere...".



A larger than life statue of Mahatma Gandhi, with a boy and a girl holding a dove in their hands, standing on either side, emerging out of the globe, symbolising his universal concern for the poor and the deprived, welcomes the visitor at the main entrance of the Gandhi Smriti. It is the work of the renowned sculptor Sri Ram Sutar. The legend at the base of the sculpture says, "My Life is My Message".

A view of the Gandhi Smriti Museum in Gandhi Smriti.



A view of the Martyr's Column, the site of the Martyrdom of Mahatma Gandhi in Gandhi Smriti.

A Martyr's Column stands at the spot where the Father of the Nation was assassinated, commemorating the Martyrdom of Mahatma Gandhi as the embodiment of all the sufferings and sacrifices that characterised the long struggle for India's Freedom. A broad stone pavement is laid round the Column for devotees to take a reverential *parikrama* (walk around). The wide space in front of the Column is made for devotees to offer homage. Close to the Martyr's Column on the lower lawns are the words of Gurudev Tagore, "He stopped at the threshold of every hut..."

In the Centre of the Prayer Ground, is a Pavilion with frescos on the walls, depicting the continuity of India's cultural voyage, her interaction across the globe and the emergence of Mahatma Gandhi as a 'Universal Man', embodying in his person all that is sublime in human life as he said: 'For my material needs my village is my world but for my spiritual needs the whole world is my village'.

Outside the Pavilion there is a bench, made of red sand stone on which Mahatma Gandhi used to sit during the prayer or in conversation with the vast mass of humanity who would assemble on the lawns of the Old Birla House seeking his counsel and solace in those troubled days.

The green lawns are the main feature of the Prayer Ground with peripheral decorations with flowers laid round the lawn. Near the entrance of the memorial on its right lawn is inscribed "India of Gandhi's

Dream". At the roundabout close to the Prayer Ground are the words of Albert Einstein, "Generations to come will scarce believe...". In the centre of the roundabout is a creation of the renowned artist Sankho Chowdhury in bronze, symbolising the 'Eternal Flame' lit by Gandhi with his martyrdom.

Gandhiji's Room at Gandhi Smriti has been kept exactly as it was on the day of his assassination. All his possessions are on display: his glasses, walking stick, a knife, fork and spoon, the rough stone he used instead of soap. His bed was a mattress on the floor, plain white, with a low, wooden desk by its side. There is also an old and well-used copy of the *Gita*.

The entire building is now divided into different sections. On either side of the main entrance of the building a Prayer composed by the Mahatma 'A Servants Prayer' and his eternal message, his 'Talisman' are on display.

The evolution of *Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi to Mahatma Gandhi* is depicted in the south wing through the panels of black and white photographs accompanied by a simple narrative. The south wing also houses an auditorium and a committee room.

Besides, the exhibition has been so aligned that the south wing gives a simple narration of the journey and evolution of a boy called Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi and how through his 'experiments with truth', he leads India and humanity to its emancipation.



Gandhi Smriti Museum in Gandhi Smriti.



Mahatma Gandhi's room in the Gandhi Smriti Museum

The northern wing has five different sections. The first section, the gallery leading towards the room where Gandhiji spent the last 144 days of his life is devoted to his Peace Pilgrimage and Martyrdom. Next to this is the second section, another room with special focus on the last 48 hours of his life, which culminates with his martyrdom. This section has also an auditorium with facilities to screen films on Mahatma Gandhi.

The third section of the north wing projects the 'India of Gandhi's Dreams' and the formulae he has left behind for posterity to realise this dream: the Eighteen Point Constructive Programme. Gandhi wanted to present India as a model of development before the world with scientific precision. The epic journey ends – Father of the Nation is gone. But his legacy lives on. Above all, an unfulfilled dream remains as a challenge before us to build the 'India' of his 'dreams'.

The fourth section *Sumana* has twenty-eight enclosures/panels in all. The section, which is today, houses the Minifigures. These powerful *dioramas* depict important events in the life of Mahatma Gandhi from his boyhood to his martyrdom. Crafted by Smt. Sushila Rajni Patel, this section of the Museum is an enriching experience.

In the fifth section *Sanmati*, the Gandhi Smriti literature centre, there is a vast collection of *Gandhiana* and other related and relevant books available under one roof.

A special section is devoted to explain how the world reveres Mahatma Gandhi. The first part

is through the eyes of the artists reflecting the magnificent life of the Mahatma. The second part is Gandhi on himself.

In the centre, people are led to assimilate, absorb and feel the presence of the Mahatma through a 40 second multi-media animation, depicting the last journey of the Father of the Nation towards his Martyrdom. This is depicted through the rendition by one of the renowned vocalists Kumar Gandharva.

The pergola – which provides an interface with the visiting mass of humanity – is now a walking art gallery, which provides an opportunity to artists from all segments of our society and all parts of the world to witness the journey of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi to Mahatma Gandhi in the sprawling exhibition "From Mohan to Mahatma" prepared by senior Gandhians like Shri Anupam Misra and developed by the National Archives of India. The exhibition was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister of Culture and VC GSDS Dr. Mahesh Sharma on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti on October 2, 2015 in Gandhi Smriti.



Mahatma Gandhi's last meeting with Sardar Patel on January 30, 1948 in erst-while Birla House, today Gandhi Smriti.

While on their journey, the visitors also witness the magnificent World Peace Gong that stands facing the roof top where the mortal remains of the father of the nation was kept on January 31, 1948 for thousands of people to pay their last tributes. The Peace Gong, gifted to Gandhi Smriti by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India after being received from the World Peace Gong Committee of Indonesia was inaugurated at a special function commemorating the 100 years of Satyagraha on September 11, 2006. This is a gentle reminder to the world of the enormous struggles by peace marchers across the world to live in harmony with one another.



The World Peace Gong in Gandhi Smriti facing the wall where the mortal remains of the Father of the Nation were kept in state on January 31, 1948.

From here the visitors are guided into the room where Bapuji spent the last 144 days of his life. As they come out of this room they are acquainted with history of these 144 days through the Photo Exhibition accompanied by narratives culled out from the accounts of the eye witnesses.

Srijan at Gandhi Smriti showcases Gandhian emphasis on khadi, cottage industries and rural development.

The *Kirti Mandap* pandal christened by the eminent *Sarod* Player Ustad Amjad Ali Khan, near the Martyr's Column at Gandhi Smriti has the capacity to accommodate 500 participants for major programmes.

In an endeavour to provide the underprivileged section of the society skills in computer, stitching and embroidery, early childhood care and education, community health, spinning and weaving, *Srijan* – the Gandhi Smriti Entrepreneurial Centre – has been set up at Gandhi Smriti. *Srijan* aims to help them learn these skills in order to instill in them appreciation for self-help, confidence and bread-labour.

The museum added in April 2005 a multimedia exhibition entitled *Eternal Gandhi*, which is housed on the entire first floor of the building. It has used state-of-the-art electronic hardware and new media to bring Gandhiji's life and vision alive. The approach has been both historical and interpretative. This exhibition using 21st century technology highlights the core of Gandhian thought – the commitment of a Satyagrahi to the principles of truth. Two sculptures of Ba and Bapu which are the creations of a couple, Mr. Decha Saisomboon and Mrs. Wipa Saisomboon from Thailand, are also kept at the multi-media museum.

It is these components that together make Gandhi Smriti a *Composite Museum*.

(b) Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat

The second campus is situated adjacent to the Mahatma Gandhi Samadhi at Rajghat.

It was twenty-one years after the Mahatma's martyrdom that the whole world decided to observe his centenary in 1969 in a way worthy of the Pilgrim of Peace. It was then the sprawling thirty-six acre campus came into existence to mark the centenary of Mahatma Gandhi. Thirteen Indian states and seven foreign countries had joined hands in creating the magic, called the *Gandhi Darshan International Exhibition*. The main objective of the exhibition was the interpretation of Gandhi's message and gospel of truth and non-violence against the background of the modern world and the way it has permeated and affected the nation's life and influenced the other countries of the modern world.

Today two exhibitions exist in Gandhi Darshan- *My Life is My Message* and *Freedom Struggle* in clay models.

In the first pavilion entitled *My Life is My Message*, hundreds of archival photographs have been arranged on the walls, along with brief textual narratives. Some of these images of Gandhiji as a child and young man are rarely seen. There is also a model of the house in which he was born, as well as the actual army vehicle in which his body was transported for cremation to the grounds, now known as Rajghat.

In addition, visitors can see Gandhiji's school report cards, newspaper clippings and cartoons that show contemporary reports and reviews of his activities, the letters exchanged between Gandhiji and Leo Tolstoy, portraits of his wife and parents and other fascinating material. One display showcases the many commemorative stamps issued by countries

A view of Gandhi Darshan complex in Rajghat.



The pavilion on *Freedom Struggle* comprises of beautiful clay models on different aspects of the freedom movement.

In 1994, during the 125th Birth Anniversary of Gandhiji, while addressing the nation Prime Minister Shri P. V. Narasimha Rao formally announced the setting up of *International Centre of Gandhian Studies* at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat. On January 30, 2000, President K. R. Narayanan unveiled a Column declaring the entire Campus as the International Centre of Gandhian Studies and Peace Research in the presence of Prime Minister and Chairman of the GSDS, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee and several other dignitaries.

around the world in the years that followed Gandhiji's assassination; and another displays the letters that were sent to him.

These, especially, reveal, how widespread was the fame that a simple Gujarati lawyer acquired in his lifetime. For example, one is addressed to 'Gandhiji: Wherever He May Be'; another (posted in New York) simply has a sketch of Gandhiji on the envelope.

To summarize, this pavilion with 274 panels has the following:

- 1) In Panel no. 1-273 there are photographs on life of Gandhiji from birth till assassination, there are 1600 photographs approximately.
- 2) In Panel no. 274 there are 75 stamps from different countries, released on the centenary year of Mahatma Gandhi.
- 3) There is the boat and bench used during Salt Satyagraha and Gun Carriage which carried the mortal remains of Mahatma Gandhi from Birla House to Rajghat.
- 4) There are models of:
 - a) Gandhiji's house at Porbandar in Gujarat
 - b) Sabarmati Ashram
 - c) Yervada Jail



(Above and Below): Photographic exhibition entitled: "My Life is My Message" in Gandhi Darshan and the boat used by Gandhiji during the Dandi March is also kept on display.

Infrastructural Facilities:

Facilities available at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat

- 1) A library and documentation centre with over 13000 books by and on Gandhi, and related subjects.
- 2) Comprehensive walk-in exhibition entitled 'My Life Is My Message'
- 3) Conference, seminar and lecture halls with all facilities
- 4) International Hostel for scholars-in-residence
- 5) Permanent photographs and books related to Mahatma Gandhi.
- 6) Dormitories with facilities to accommodate 100 persons)
- 7) Publications Division: Apart from books, it publishes a Journal and a News Magazine
- 8) Photo unit
- 9) Camping facility for major national and international meets
- 10) Open space for contact programmes

The objectives of the Samiti are:

1. To plan and carry out activities for the promotion of Gandhian ideals and philosophy.
2. To keep Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti open for public as per standard rules related to museum and maintain it to provide maximum convenience to visitors.
3. Promote Audience Development and Museum Management Framework in both Gandhi Smriti Museum and Gandhi Darshan Exhibition.
4. Promote initiatives to create awareness on the life and message of Mahatma Gandhi through educational media like exhibition, films, Gandhiana, posters, and different forms of Art, Culture and Technology.
5. To develop and preserve a library of books including rare books, literature, photographs, films and documents etc.
6. To collect, preserve and exhibit important relics of Mahatma Gandhi.

7. Promotion of volunteerism for Gandhian work and betterment of the society.
8. Focus on empowering the marginalized through different activities related to philosophy and ideals of Mahatma Gandhi.
9. Developing capacities of children, youth, women and other groups for imbibing Gandhian values and work to bring attitudinal changes/development through practical applications of Gandhian philosophy.
10. To restore, protect and manage both the complexes at Gandhi Darshan and Gandhi Smriti and all movable and immovable properties therein according to requirement.
11. To bring publication for various sections of people to enhance their knowledge about Mahatma Gandhi and the values he propagated.
12. To conduct inter-disciplinary research on Gandhian philosophy in the context of contemporary issues.
13. Encourage and promote Gandhian perspectives on education and facilitate education for peace, ecological security, equality and justice.
14. To work extensively with different Universities and Academic Institutions for better and in-depth understanding of Mahatma Gandhi and Gandhian philosophy.
15. Empowerment of the weaker sections of the society through vocational training programmes and other livelihood initiatives as part of Gandhian constructive work.
16. Respond and work to address challenging problems of the society.
17. Involving different stakeholders to work for a culture of collective living, collective working, peace and nonviolence.
18. Reaching the unreached with the life and message of Mahatma Gandhi especially in far flung areas.
19. To undertake such other activities and to do all the foregoing mandate and to cooperate and seek cooperation from other institutions for the aforesaid purposes.

Structure of the Samiti

GOVERNING BODY

Chairman

The Hon'ble Prime Minister

Vice-Chairperson

Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Hon'ble Minister of Culture

Members

Minister In-charge, Ministry of Culture

The Lieutenant Governor of Delhi

Mayor of Delhi

Shri Laxmi Dass

Shri Sankar Kumar Sanyal

Ms. Rajni Bakshi

Shri Narayan Bhai Bhattacharjee

Dr. Harsh Vardhan Kamrah

Ms. Neelima Vardhan

Dr. Suparna Gooptu

Secretary, Ministry of Culture

Information Advisor to the Prime Minister

Chief Engineer, CPWD

Secretary, (Expenditure), Ministry of Finance

Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development

Commissioner of Delhi, Municipal Corporation of Delhi

President/Administrator, New Delhi Municipal Committee

Member Secretary

Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture

Executive Committee

Chairperson

Dr. Mahesh Sharma

Members

Shri Laxmi Dass

Shri Sankar Kumar Sanyal

Ms. Rajni Bakshi

Member Secretary

Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture,
Government of India

Director

Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan (J.A.S.)



Time Line of Programmes

(April 2018 to March 2019)

S.N	Programmes	Date	Venue	About the Programme
1	Champaran Satyagraha: 100 Years – Major Activities -	April 5-15, 2018	Champaran, Bihar	<p>The Samiti has organised a series of programmes in Motihari, Champaran from April 5 to April 17, 2018 onwards.</p> <p>The broad initiatives that were taken in Champaran:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiation of Sanitation Clubs in Schools in Champaran • Workshop on Health and Hand Hygiene • Sanitary Napkin Production Unit inaugurated at Kasturba Balika Vidyalaya, Peeprakothi • Inauguration of Interpretation Centres, Plaques and Charkha Chowk by Hon'ble Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Union Agriculture Minister • Insignia's on principles of Truth and Charkha the symbol of self reliance inaugurated at Charkha Park
2	Gyanotsav 2075 delves on contemporary education system	April 6-8, 2018	Delhi	A three-day educational utsav "GYANOTSAV 2075", was organized in Gandhi Darshan by Shiksha Sanskriti Uthan Nyas. 60 schools and universities from 12 states of the country took part in the three-day programme. An exhibition was also organized.
3	100 years of the commemoration the first imprisonment of M K Gandhi on Indian Soil	April 10, 2018	Delhi	Shri Basant ji, former advisor GSDS along with Prof. Manoj from Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Vishwa Vidyalaya Wardha; Shri Kawal Singh Chauhan, Dr. Chandrasen Sharma, Shri Ashok Singh Chauhan, Shri Lokendra Kumar Sharma and Shri Viswas Gautam took part in a special programme to mark the 100 years of the commemoration of the first imprisonment of M K Gandhi on Indian soil. It was on April 10, 1919 Gandhiji was arrested at Palwal on his way to Amritsar and was taken back to Bombay where he was released on April 11, 1919. Station Master Shri Lokendra Kumar Sharma who was present on the occasion along with other delegates offered their tributes.
4	Tributes to Jallianwala Bagh Martyrs as part of centenary celebrations	April 13, 2018		A special programme, as a tribute to mark the beginning of the centenary year of Jallianwala Bagh was organised at Gandhi Darshan on April 13, 2018. Eminent Gandhian and former Director National Gandhi Museum, Dr. Y P Anand was the guest speaker on the occasion. Shri Laxmi Dass, Vice-President Harijan Sevak Sangh and a Gandhian thinker, Shri Basantji former Advisor GSDS, Dr. K D Prasad, Regional Director of IGNOU RC 2 and Gandhian thinker also shared their perspectives on the occasion.
5	National workshop on 'Water an Element of Life' organised	April 14, 2018	Delhi	The Samiti in association with Jaladhikar Foundation organised a day-long national seminar on "Water is Life" in Gandhi Darshan on April 14, 2018. About 500 participants took part in the programme. Principles from the eight colleges of Delhi University took part in the programme. Swami Chidarooapanand from Chinmaya Mission graced the occasion. Dr. Mahesh Chand Sharma, former Member of Parliament Rajya Sabha, Dr. Shekhar Aggarwal, Chancellor, Shobhit University and others were the distinguished guests on the occasion. Shri Kailash Goduka Secretary, Jaladhikar Foundation.
6	Shramdaan Programme	April 12 & 19, 2018	Delhi	The Samiti as part of its swachhatta abhiyaan organised a cleanliness drive on April 12 and April 19, 2018 respectively in Gandhi Darshan. Assistant Librarian Smt. Sunita Joshi coordinated the shramdaan in coordination with the Programme Unit. Other staff of the GSDS joined in the cleanliness drive. A prayer meeting – Sarva Dharma Pararthana was also organised on the occasion.

7	Swachhata Abhiyaan Programme	April 22, 2018	Delhi	A programme on Swachhata Abhiyaan was organised on April 22, 2018 at the Central Government Employee, Multi-Storey Flats T-III Dev Nagar (Karol Bagh), New Delhi by GSDS. Around 132 parents and children were present on the occasion.
8	“Widen you mind and heart”: Rajnath Singh calls on young people to serve the old	April 25, 2018	Delhi	About 500 enthusiastic elderly individuals from various old-age homes and people from remote areas of Delhi NCR took part in the programme. On this occasion, Shri Rajnath Singh released a publication of the HAI showcasing their activities and work.
9	An attempt to Shape Pillars of Administration with Gandhian Principles	April 24-25, 2018	Delhi	A two day orientation programme for officers of Delhi Government on “Nonviolent Communication and Conflict Resolution” was organised from April 24-25, 2018, in Gandhi Darshan. The Programme was attended by Ms. Manisha Saxena (Secretary, Revenue Department, Govt. Of NCT of Delhi) and other distinguished District Magistrate and Sub-divisional Magistrate from Revenue Department.
10	Improving livelihood opportunities of Tribal Women for economic prosperity	April 27, 2018	Delhi	The Samiti organized a seminar on “Empowerment of Tribal Women by improved livelihood options through values-addition of Mahuwa Flower” jointly with the Hodopathy Ethno (Medicine Doctor’s Association of India, Ranchi, Jharkhand) and Torang Trust at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat on April 27, 2018. Almost 40 participants took part in the seminar.
11	Free Eye Check-Up Camp organised at Tihar, Central Jail-2	April 27, 2018	Delhi	A free-eye check up camp was held in Jail No 2, Tihar Prisons on April 27, 2018. Organised by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti. The doctors prescribed spectacles for 174 patients; five patients were advised for cataract surgery and one patient was detected with Glaucoma.
12	Orientation Programme with Sub-Registrars “Give Space to Silence as it will lead ‘you’ towards....YOU!”	April 28, 2018	Delhi	An orientation programme on “Nonviolence Conflict Resolution and Nonviolent Communication” for Sub-Registrars (Revenue Department, Govt. of NCT of Delhi) was organised on April 28, 2018 by the Samiti at Gandhi Darshan.
13	Srijan – Entrepreneurial Centre RPL Training programme for Champaran Auto Drivers conducted for Batch 14-17	April 2, 4, 16, 25, 2018	Delhi	As part of the initiative of the Pradhanmantri Skill Development Mission, the Samiti’s Skill Development Centre organised the RPL training programme for the auto drivers of Champaran in Bihar in Gandhi Darshan on April 2, 4, 16, 25, 2018 respectively for 14 th , 15 th , 16 th and 17 th and batches respectively with the objective to recognise prior competencies of the assessed candidates and provide certificate and monetary reward on successful completion of the assessments.
14	Meeting to discuss celebration of Gandhi-150	May 1-2, 2018	Delhi	A senior delegation of Gandhian scholars, academicians, social workers and others took part in a discussion on programmes and actions to be undertaken for the celebrations of the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on May 1, 2018 in Gandhi Darshan.
15	Give Non-Violence a Chance – A Dialogue	May 3, 2018	Delhi	A day-long seminar on “Give Nonviolence a Chance” was organized by Gandhi Peace Mission, Kerala in association with GSDS and Mygov.in on May 3, 2018 at Gandhi Darshan Rajghat. Many eminent Gandhians, academicians, professors, scholars and intellectuals took part in this seminar.
16	Know Yourself – An Orientation Programme for Youth	May 4-6, 2018	Delhi	A three-day camp, titled “Main Ki Khoj” was organised in Gandhi Darshan in collaboration with Gandhi Peace Foundation (GPF) from May 4-6, 2018. Shri Dipankar Shri Gyan, Director (GSDS) shared the experiences of his life and work succinctly, eventually leading towards the way that today a person can go forward only if S/he wants to give something to the society
17	Run for a Cause – Summer Quarter Marathon 3rd Edition 2018	May 6, 2018	Delhi	The Samiti in association with Health Fitness Trust and Run for Life organised the “3rd Edition of the Summer Quarter Marathon 2018 – Run for a Cause” on May 6, 2018 at Gandhi Darshan. Almost 500 runners took part in the quarter marathon that was organised to raise awareness on various social issues. The event was led by Dr. Sunita Godara, Asian Marathon Champion 1992 and President Health Fitness Trust along with Shri Dipankar Shri Gyan, Director GSDS.

18	RPL Training programme for Champaran Auto Drivers conducted for Batch 18-19	May 14 and 22, 2018	Delhi	As part of the initiative of the Pradhanmantri Skill Development Mission, the Samiti's Skill Development Centre organised the RPL training programme for the auto drivers of Champaran in Bihar in Gandhi Darshan on May 14 and 22, 2018 respectively for 18 th and 19 th batches with the objective to recognise prior competencies of the assessed candidates and provide certificate and monetary reward on successful completion of the assessments.
19	Screening of film on Non-Violent Communication	May 18, 2018	Delhi	The Samiti hosted the screening of the documentary film on "Non-Violent Communication" in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat on May 18, 2018. The film focussed on the different aspects of non-violent communications with interviews of resource persons, experts, Gandhian thinkers, working professionals, and experience sharing by home guards personnel.
20	Understanding Gandhi through the eyes of Children – An Interactive Session with ITIHAAS	May 23, 2018	Delhi	The interactive session with students from ITIHAAS (Indian Traditions Heritage Society) who are on a summer project to understand the life's message and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi by visiting various Gandhian Institutions and writing their reports based on the information they receive, took place in Gandhi Darshan on May 23, 2018.
21	Artists display their traditional art form at the Lok Kala Mahotsava	May 25, 2018	Delhi	Artists from all over India took part in the festival of Akhila Bharatha Lok Kala Mohatsav at Gandhi Darshan on May 25-26, 2018 and showcased their creative talent through traditional art forms. Organised by the Karnataka Sahasa Kala Academy in association with Confederation of Community Based Organisations in India (CCBOs).
22	Seminar on Gram Shilpi: Empowerment of Rural Women	June 11, 2018	Delhi	As part of the Gandhi Exchange Programme (GEP), the Samiti organised a seminar on "Gram Shilpi: Empowerment of Rural Women" in Gandhi Darshan on June 11, 2018. The objective was to give an insight to different facets of the life of Mahatma Gandhi. 30 Participants from Vijapur Taluka of Gujarat state, from the Gujarat Vidyapeeth took part. The visit was also the part of 'Gram Shilpi Programme' of Gujarat University. Shri Jaydeep was the coordinator in behalf of the concerned University.
23	Dhanak Rang Tarang Summer Workshop enhances children's creativity	June 11-30, 2018	Delhi	Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (GSDS) and Jamghat (a group of street Children) jointly organised a Dhanak Rang Tarang Summer Workshop for street children was organised from June 11-30, 2018 in Gandhi Darshan. 21 street children from different areas of the capital city participated in the Workshop.
24	Yoga Utsav at NOIDA	June 16, 2018	Uttar Pradesh	A "Yoga Utsav" was organised by GSDS on June 16, 2018 at JVCC Lawns, Sec-21, NOIDA, Uttar Pradesh. Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Hon'ble Minister of Culture and VC GSDS was the chief guest on the occasion. Padma Bhushan Shri Ram Vanji Sutar graced the occasion with his presence. About 100 yog sadhak and sadhika (practitioners) and 500 audiences took part in the programme.
25	Orientation Programme on "Nonviolence Communication and Nonviolence Conflict Resolution"	June 19-20, 2018	Delhi	An orientation Programme on "Nonviolence Communication and Nonviolence Conflict Resolution" was organised by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti for officials of Special Unit for women and children of Delhi Police from June 19-20, 2018 in Police Training School, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi. The aim of the program was to build a framework of mediation in solving the conflicts without using coercive methods and violence and also help police officials to develop the friendly linkages with/between the citizens. About 50 Police Officers took part in the training programme.
26	Celebrated 4 th International Day of Yoga by GSDS	June 21, 2018	Delhi	In Gandhi Darshan, the yoga session was jointly organised by GSDS and IGNOU Regional Centre-2. Here, about 250 people practiced yoga for an hour in the direction of resource persons namely Shri Varun Nautiyal, Shri Sagar Adhikari and Smt. Neha Chaurasiya. Also, a naturopathy session was conducted by Dr. Manju Aggarwal.

27	Yoga ...a way to connect with divinity leading to a path of being in essence	June 21, 2018	NOIDA, Uttar Pradesh	In NOIDA Entrepreneurs Association, Sec-21, NOIDA Union Finance Minister Shri Piyush Goyal and Bharatiya Janata Party MLA, Shri Pankaj Singh performed Yoga along with the participants. Shri Sushil Kumar Shukla from GSDS took part in the programme.
28	Yoga Day organized at Jal Vihar Community Centre (JVCC), NOIDA	June 21, 2018	NOIDA, Uttar Pradesh	Yoga session as part of the International Day of Yoga under the banner of "Global Yoga Mission (India)" organized at Jal Vihar Community Centre (JVCC), NOIDA. More than 200 participants took part in the yoga day celebration.
29	Seminar on Different Social Issues	June 21-26, 2018	Delhi	Indraprastha Yogakshem Sewa Nyas, Delhi organised a six-day seminar on different social issues such as - "Untouchability, Social Harmony", "Women Empowerment", "Youth Volunteerism" and "Environment" in Gandhi Darshan from June 21-26, 2018. Almost 400 delegates took part in the programme.
30	Gender Training for Adolescent Girls	June 27-28, 2018	Delhi	The Samiti in association with the Institute of Social Studies Trust (ISST), organized a two-day training programme on "Gender Training for Adolescent Girls under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao" from June 27-28, 2018 in Gandhi Darshan. The participants included adolescent girls of age group from 14-20 years of age from slum communities and resettlement colonies of Kalyanpuri and Trilokpuri areas. Over 120 participants took part in the programme.
31	RPL Training program for Champaran Auto Drivers conducted for Batch 20-25	June 1, 8, 12, 21, 29, and 29, 2018	Delhi	As part of the initiative of the Pradhanmantri Skill Development Mission, the Samiti's Skill Development Centre organised the RPL training program for the auto drivers of Champaran in Bihar in Gandhi Darshan on June 1, 8, 12, 21, 29, and 29, 2018 respectively for 20 to 25 batches with the objective to recognise prior competencies of the assessed candidates and provide certificate and monetary reward on successful completion of the assessments.
32	Two-Day Workshop for Managing Stress amongst Remand Home Officials	June 25-26, 2018	Maharashtra	In the backdrop of multiple challenges faced by the professionals of Observation Homes and to build their capacities to better equip them with skills to handle the children house in Observation Homes, a two-day workshop for "Managing Stress amongst Remand Home Officials" was organised by GSDS in association with Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini (RMP) on June 25-26, 2018. 30 officials from Observation Homes of Maharashtra such Superintendent, Probation Officer, Welfare Officer or Counsellor attended the workshop at Keshav Srushti, Uttan Village, Bhayander (West) Thane, Maharashtra.
33	A meeting to contemplate on social issues	July 8, 2018	Delhi	A meeting was organized by 'Sewa Bharati' to discuss and contemplate over different Service Projects, viz. Education, Self-Reliance, Moral Values at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat, New Delhi on July 8, 2018. The objective of the meeting was to ensure and imbibe all round development, Self-confidence and Self-reliance among the socio-economic weaker sections of the society.
34	Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi and President of South Korea, H.E. Mr. Moon Jae In visits Gandhi Smriti	July 9, 2018	Delhi	The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi showed his hospitality to the South Korean President, H. E. Mr. Moon Jae In who was on a state visit to India by taking him to Gandhi Smriti, the site of the Martyrdom of Mahatma Gandhi on July 9, 2018, where they offered floral tributes to the Mahatma. Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Minister of State for Culture and the Samiti's Vice-Chairman was present on the occasion.
35	Summer School on 'India of My Dreams' organised	July 9-19, 2018	Delhi	Gandhi Bhawan, University of Delhi in collaboration with the Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, July 19 2018, successfully concluded the Summer School on 'India of My Dreams' – a book by M. K. Gandhi. The summer school began from July 9, 2018

36	Prabhash Prasang	July 15, 2018	Delhi	A large gathering of over 400 people that included journalists, academicians, writers, authors, poets, scholars, people from the media fraternity took part in the programme 'Prabhash Prasang'. Dr. Murl Manohar Joshi was the chief guest and he spoke about "Technology and Democracy" and threw light on the misuse of information and companies making money out of this data.
37	Yagya Expo- 2075 discusses traditional aspects of Vedic Arts and Sciences	July 14-24, 2018	Delhi	Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, in association with Arsa Bharati Trust, Gouras Pariwar, Telengala G.O.U. Federation (Goras Organizations United Federation, Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts (IGNCA) and Multiple Voluntary Institutions, have jointly organized "Y.A.G.Y.A. Expo – 2075" from July 14 – 24 July, 2018 at Gandhi Darshan. The main objective of the expo was to showcase the traditional aspects of applied Vedic arts & Sciences of Yog, Ayurveda, Govidya, Yagya.
38	100 th Birth Anniversary of Nelson Mandela	July 19, 2018	Delhi	The Samiti paid rich tributes to the icon of peace and non-violence Shri Nelson Mandela on his 100 th birth anniversary on July 18, 2018 in Gandhi Darshan. Prof. N Radhakrishnan, eminent Gandhian and former Director GSDS was the key speaker on the occasion. About 70 people took part in the programme.
39	Spearheading the Peace Crusade through non-violent communication techniques	July 19-20, 2018	Delhi	Peace cannot be built on the foundations of fear. On the same lines, a two-day interactive workshop on "Non-violent Communication and Conflict Resolution" was organized by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (GSDS) for Delhi Home Guards on July 19-20, 2018 at Directorate General of Home Guards, Raja Garden, New Delhi. The session was attended by 300 homeguards spread across Delhi.
40	Nelson Mandela's eternal concept of 'Truth' and 'Love' reiterated	July 27, 2018	Delhi	To mark the 100 th birth anniversary of Shri Nelson Mandela, a lecture on "Nelson Mandela in the Footsteps of Gandhi: Centenary Tributes" was jointly organized by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (GSDS) and Zakir Husain Delhi College within the premises of later on July 27, 2018. The session was attended by almost 70 students.
41	Workshop on Stress Management and Inter-personal Conflict Resolution	July 30, 2018	Delhi	An interactive workshop on "Stress Management and Inter-personal Conflict Resolution" was organised for the GSDS staff on July 30, 2018 at Gandhi Darshan. Almost 120 persons took part. The workshop was conducted by Shri Atul Priyadarshi an expert trainer from Patna.
42	Two-days training programme of Teaching in Non-violent Communication Resolution in Teaching Practices	July 7-8, 2018	Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh	Gandhi Smriti & Darshan Samiti in association with Mamta Shiksha Samiti organized a two-day seminar on 'Nonviolent Communication and Non Violent Conflict Resolution In Teaching Practices Seminar' held on July 7-8, 2018 at Morar Gwalior Madhya Pradesh. This seminar carried forward the vision of Mahatma Gandhi.
43	Cultural Clubs in schools started as part of Sankalp Se Siddhi Initiative	July 2018	Assam, Tripura and Meghalaya (Northeast India)	Inspired by the Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi's appeal to the nation to commit themselves to the eradication of dirt, poverty, communalism, casteism, corruption and terrorism, Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini (RMP) in collaboration with GSDS organised Sankalp Se Siddhi initiative across the North East India with an aim to encourage schools staff and their students towards this nation-building initiative. 560+ principals from Secondary/Higher Secondary Government and Private schools of Assam, Meghalaya and Tripura participated in the NEW INDIA workshops. The aim of these workshops for principals was to encourage them to take part in this initiative and form cultural clubs in their schools and then engage students and ensure their contribution towards NEW INDIA.

44	Sankalp Se Siddhi Programme and Orientation workshop for School Principals at National Institute of Technology, Agartala, Tripura	July 10, 2018	Assam	<p>To organize the programme in capital of Assam, Guwahati, the gateway of Northeast, the initiative was supported by Department of Secondary Education, Government of Assam and Assam State Commission for protection of Child Rights.</p> <p>The venue of the programme was Shilpgram, Guwahati, Assam. Participation of schools across the Assam is appreciable. Total 306 schools took part in the programme. School principals came from these 306 schools participated in 'Sankalp Se Siddhi' Orientation Workshop held on July 10, 2018.</p>
45	Sankalp Se Siddhi Programme and Orientation workshop for School Principals at National Institute of Technology, Agartala, Tripura	July 11, 2018	Tripura	<p>Total 170 schools took part in the programme organized at the capital of Tripura, Agartala. Programme was organized at National Institute of Technology, Agartala. Directorate of Secondary Education, Government of Tripura and National Institute of Technology, Agartala supported the initiative in view of inviting the schools.</p> <p>Over 68000 students took the 'Sankalp Se Siddhi' pledge in schools of Tripura and more than 17000 students across the Tripura participated in the NEW INDIA competition.</p>
46	Sankalp Se Siddhi Programme and Orientation workshop for School Principals at National Institute of Technology, Agartala, Tripura	July 13, 2018	Meghalaya	<p>In the hills of Meghalaya, the Sankalp Se Siddhi programme was organized at North Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Shillong. Total 95 school principals participated in the orientation workshop held on July 13, 2018. Prof. S.K. Srivastava, Vice-Chancellor, NEHU and Shri Ravindra Sathe, Director General, RMP were the dignitaries engaged in workshop with principals to encourage them towards this initiatives.</p> <p>More than 30000 school students took the pledge of NEW INDIA with the motto of 'Sankalp Se Siddhi' and about 9500 students participated in NEW INDIA competition.</p>
47	Two-day Gandhi Youth Exchange Programme for Adivasi children as part of the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi	July 30 to August 1, 2018	Delhi	<p>As part of the two-day Gandhi Youth Exchange Programme, 40 children from the Adivasi belt took part in an interactive session. The programme was arranged from the office of the Hon'ble Speaker of the Lok Sabha and the Ministry of Culture.</p> <p>The children were from Belaghat, Madhya Pradesh and represented the following: Government Higher Secondary School, Khajra; Ekavaya Aadarsh Aawaseey Vidyalaya, Sijhora, Government Higher Secondary School, Kumadehi; Government Higher Secondary School, Garhi and Kanha Tiger Reserve Mandla.</p>
48	Orientation workshop on 'Stress Management & Conflict Resolution and Non-violent Communication at Government Boys Sr. Sec School, Vivek Vihar, Delhi	August 1, 2018	Delhi	<p>The Samiti organized a one-day orientation workshop on "Stress Management and Conflict Resolution and Non-Violent Communication" in Government Boys Sr. Sec School, Vivek Vihar on August 1, 2018.</p> <p>The orientation programme was conducted by expert trainer Shri Atul Priyadarshi. Shri Gulshan Gupta, North East Coordinator was also present on the occasion. Total 102 students (50 students of X- A and 52 students of X- B) took part in the workshop.</p>
49	Orientation workshop on 'Stress Management & Conflict Resolution and Non-violent Communication at Gandhi Study Circle, Zakir Hussain College	August 2, 2018	Delhi	<p>A workshop on "Stress Management and Conflict Resolution and Non-Violent Communication" was also organized with the Gandhi Study Circle of the Zakir Hussain College, Delhi University on August 2, 2018. About 122 students took part in the orientation programme conducted by Shri Atul Priyadarshi. Shri Gulshan Gupta was also present on the occasion.</p>
50	Certificate distribution ceremony for Auto Rickshaw Drivers of Champaran	August 6, 2018	Delhi	<p>A certificate distribution ceremony for the Champaran Auto Drivers as part of the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) under the PMKVY (Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojna) was undertaken on August 6, 2018 at Gandhi Darshan. Eight batches of RPL (Automotive) were awarded. The batches that received the certificate were: 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22nd batch. 172 passed auto drivers were distributed certificates</p>

51	Mahila Anna Swaraj reiterates commitment towards protection of food heritage and nutrition as 'Our Birthright'	August 9, 2018	Delhi	<p>A meeting of Mahila Anna Swaraj - Our Food Heritage, Our Nutrition and Our Birth Right was organised on August 9, 2018 at Gandhi Smriti, by Navdanya, Diverse Women for Diversity Guild of Services in association with GSDS, commemorating the 76th anniversary of the historic Quit India Movement.</p> <p>The programme began with the lighting of the lamp by Dr. Vandana Shiva, Dr. Mohini Giri, Smt. Laxmi Venkatasana, Dr. Jyotsana Chatterjee and others. The programme was attended by over 90 participants, which included several NGOs, social workers and school children.</p>
52	76 th Anniversary of Quit India Movement	August 9, 2018	Delhi	<p>Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Administrative Officer Shri S A Jamal, Programme Officer Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Chairman Confederation of Community Based Organisations in India (CCBOs) along with about 100 people including staff of GSDS, friends from the media fraternity, Gandhian workers marched towards Rajghat at the Mahatma Gandhi Samadhi to offer their tributes to Mahatma Gandhi as part of the commemoration of the 76th anniversary of the historic Quit India Movement of 1942.</p> <p>The 76th celebration of the Quit India Movement reaffirmed the same trust and challenge that the Prime Minister laid down and resolved to work for the welfare of humankind</p>
53	Young artist display their creative prowess: Paint 30x30 feet Mahatma Gandhi and Champaran Satyagraha in record span of 10 hours	August 9, 2018	Delhi	<p>The Samiti in collaboration with Art Cozy Fine Art Solutions organised an event in the pursuit of setting the "Limca Book of Record" for the 'Longest Live Marathon Painting of 30*30 ft of Mahatma Gandhi as part of the 76th Anniversary of the Quit India Movement and the 100 years of the Champaran Satyagraha' on August 9, 2018 at Gandhi Darshan. The 25-member team from ArtCozy begun their work in the morning from 8.30 A.M. and continued till 6.30 P.M. by painting in Acrylic a 30x30 feet portrait of the evolving of Mohan to Mahatma depicting the historic Champaran Satyagraha of 1917.</p>
54	H.E. Mr. Tudor Ulianovschi pays tributes to Mahatma Gandhi	August 11, 2018	Delhi	<p>H.E. Mr. Tudor Ulianovschi, Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova accompanied by his wife visited Gandhi Smriti on August 11, 2018. The Ambassador of the Republic of Moldova to India, H.E. Mr. Gheorghe Leuca accompanied the visiting delegate and took a tour of the Gandhi Smriti Museum.</p>
55	Aman Dosti Yatra" from India to Atari Border	August 12, 2018	Delhi	<p>Veteran journalist and a crusader of peace amongst people of India and Pakistan, Shri Kuldeep Nayyar reiterated the need for developing people-to-people contact between India and Pakistan to usher in an era peace. 95-year-old Kuldeep Nayyar was addressing the participants of the "Aman Dosti Yatra" from India to Atari Border carrying the message of peace and nonviolence as part of the 72nd Independence Day Celebration, when the team from India will meet their friends on the midnight of August 14 at Wagha Border amidst celebration and exchange of ideas. The programme that was attended by over 120 participants was organized at Gandhi Darshan on August 12, 2018.</p>
56	Workshop for CRPF on Non-violent Communication and Non-violent Conflict Resolution	August 17-18, 2018	Gurugram, Haryana	<p>A two-day workshop on Non-violent Communication and Non-violent Conflict Resolution was held at CRPF Academy, Kadarapur, Gurugram on August 17-18, 2018. About 50 participants including Constables, Head Constables and Sub-Inspectors (non-gazetted officers) took part in the workshop organized by the GSDS. Apart from them, ADG, I.G, Commandant and Deputy Commandant also visited and attended the sessions in between the workshop.</p>
57	Rich tributes were paid to former Prime Minister of India and a great statesman, Late Shri Atal Behari Vajpayee at a commemorative programme organized in Gandhi Darshan	August 20, 2018	Delhi	<p>Rich tributes were paid to former Prime Minister of India and a great statesman, Late Shri Atal Behari Vajpayee at a commemorative programme organized in Gandhi Darshan organized jointly by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti and Indira Gandhi National Open University Regional Centre -2 on August 20, 2018. Almost 100 participants took part in the commemorative programme. Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Regional Director IGNOU RC-2, Dr. K D Prasad, Shri S A Jamal, Administrative Officer, GSDS, Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer, GSDS and Smt. Geeta Shukla, Research Officer, GSDS were present on the occasion.</p>

58	Try to bring Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy alive in his 150 th Birth Anniversary: Baba Yogendra	August 21-22, 2018	Delhi	On August 21, 2018, the Hon'ble Swant Ranjan Jang, Contact Officer of Sanskar Bharti and the Minister of National Organization, Shri Ganesh Balladeji, inaugurated the workers meeting for preparing the ground work for the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and the Maha Khumb the by lighting the lamp. Jointly organised by the GSDS and Sanskar Bharati, following the inauguration, a group discussion was also organized.
59	National Seminar on "Understanding Gandhi"	August 24, 2018	Delhi	Gandhi Study Circle of Ram Lal Anand College, University of Delhi in association with Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti organised a national seminar on "Understanding Gandhi" on August 24, 2018 at the college premises that was attended by over 100 participating student and youth. Two sessions were conducted as part of the seminar.
60	RPL Training Program for Champaran Auto Drivers	August 27, 2018	Delhi	Under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) and as part of the RPL (Recognition of Prior Learning) training program by GSDS, a training programme for the auto drivers from Champaran for the 26 th batch, living in Delhi and working here was organized in Gandhi Darshan on August 27, 2018 that was attended by many participants. Training was provided by Dr. Manju Aggarwal, Shri Pawan Kumar, Shri Lalan Ram and Shri Vishwas Gautam.
61	Discussion on "Environment Protection" organized at Gandhi Darshan	August 28, 2018	Delhi	In the symposium organized on August 28, 2018, over 150 participants participated in the programme. The speakers at the discussion said that Indian culture plays an important and positive role in conservation of environment.
62	A children's summit on "Integrating Gandhian Values and Ethics in Schools"	August 30, 2018	Delhi	Almost 180 students and 50 teachers from over 25 schools took part in the Children's Summit on "Integrating Gandhian Values and Ethics in Schools" organised by the GSDS in Gandhi Darshan on August 30, 2018. The summit addressed the following subjects: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Inculcating non-violence amongst students 2. Promoting Truth, Honesty and Empathy amongst Students 3. How inculcating Gandhian Values and Ethics will improve School's Ecosystem.
63	Meeting with teachers on Gandhi-150	August 30, 2018	Delhi	About 50 teachers from different schools in Delhi and NCR, took part in an interactive session with Director GSDS Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Director GSDS. Few points that emerged during the discussion included: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Padyatras and Cycle Rallies by involving Children's participation to the maximum 2. Painting Competitions, debate competitions between inter-school at national, zonal, level. 3. Create Whatsapp group for increasing connectivity 4. Show short movies on Mahatma Gandhi or on Non-Violence 5. Create open forum for discussions and debates 6. Students should be exposed to various social works and the Samiti could help them out in their SEVA project. 7. Schools could organise "Gandhi Katha" (on different aspects of Gandhiji's life) in schools by themselves. 8. Let the children themselves M. K Gandhi through such platforms.
64	Conference on "Mahatma Gandhi in Pristine Perspective: A Sesquicentennial Overview"	August 30-31, 2018	Delhi	The Samiti in association with Shyam Lal College, University of Delhi organized a two-day conference on "Mahatma Gandhi in Pristine Perspective: A Sesquicentennial Overview" at Shyam Lal College on August 30-31, 2018. The Chief Guest of the programme was Chairperson of ICGS and an eminent Gandhian and Peace Activist, Dr. Neelakanta Radhakrishnan. Prof. Subrata Mukherjee, Prof. of Political Science was the key note speaker on the occasion.

65	Rehearsals for Gandhi Jayanti programme	September 13, 22, 24, 29, 30 and October 1, 2018	Delhi	In view of the Gandhi Jayanti celebrations of October 2, 2018, the Samiti organised a series of rehearsals for almost 400 children and+ youth from almost 26 schools and institutions in Gandhi Smriti. This year, students under the scholarship scheme implemented by the Centre for Cultural Resource and Training (CCRT) also participated in the programme. Children from Government Sr. Sec School and Government Girls Sr. Sec School, Kavaratti, U. T. of Lakshadweep; Siddhagiri Gurukul Foundation, Kaneri Math, Kholapur, Maharashtra; Lupin Human Welfare and Research Foundation, Bharatpur, Rajasthan took part in the training programme. The training programme was coordinated by Shri Sudhanshu Bahuguna of Swar Trishna.
66	Value Creation Camp for Diversity as Expression of Unity	September 22 to October 3, 2018	Delhi	The Samiti organised a 12-day Value Creation Camp for Diversity as Expression of Unity in Gandhi Darshan from September 22 to October 23, 2018. This year the camp was organised in association with the Centre for Cultural Resource and Training (CCRT) as part of the 39 th National Cultural Camp-Cum-Festival of the CCRT. Besides children from Government Sr. Sec School and Government Girls Sr. Sec School, Kavaratti, U. T. of Lakshadweep; Siddhagiri Gurukul Foundation, Kaneri Math, Kholapur, Maharashtra; Lupin Human Welfare and Research Foundation, Bharatpur, Rajasthan, there were children and youth from different parts of the country. These students were under the scholarship scheme implemented by the CCRT. Almost 75 children from Lakshadweep, Maharashtra and Rajasthan took part. Another 110 children from CCRT took part in various activities. The aim of the camp was to make children happy by nurturing their creative talents.
67	Hindi Pakhwara (Fortnight) celebrated	September 14-28, 2018	Delhi	The Samiti organised the Hindi Pakhwara in both Gandhi Smriti and Gandhi Darshan from September 14-28, 2018 with the participation of staff of GSDS. Several competitions were organised such as 'niband', 'kavita path' 'bhashan' and 'kavya path'. Subjects such as Hind Swaraj Ek Sandesh were selected for speech competition. For poetry competition the subject was swachh rehenge, swast banenge. Shri Anand Saurabh, Editor of Employment News (Hindi) was the judge for the programme. The Hindi Pakhwara was coordinated by Shri Parveen Dutt Sharma and Shri Pankaj Chaubey
68	Prize distribution of Hindi Pakhwara	November 27, 2018	Delhi	The prize distribution of the "Hindi Pakhwara" which the Samiti organised in both Gandhi Smriti and Gandhi Darshan from September 14-28, 2018 was given on November 27, 2018 by Director GSDS Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan along with the Editor of Employment News Shri Anand Saurabh. Shri Pankaj Chaubey and Shri Praveen Dutt Sharma were also present on the occasion.
69	Regional Interfaith Dialogue on Child Dignity Online	September 26-27, 2018	Delhi	A two-day regional Interfaith Dialogue on Child Dignity Online was held on September 26 and 27, 2018 at Gandhi Darshan. The programme was jointly organised in association with Shanti Ashram, Chennai. About 200 children and interfaith leaders took part in the programme.
70	Swachhta Pakhwada	15 to October 2, 2018.	Delhi	Regular cleanliness drive was taken up in both the campuses of the Samiti in Gandhi Smriti and Gandhi Darshan. As part of the Pakhwada, the Samiti initiated composting of garden leaves, grass & leaves in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat. Composting leaves is a terrific way to recycle and create a nutrient rich garden soil amendment at the same time.
71	Appreciation and Awareness Programme on Environmental Concerns	September 25-October 01, 2018	Delhi	In collaboration with IGNOU, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti organized a weeklong workshop, "Appreciation and Awareness Programme on Environmental Concerns". Almost 100 people participated in the workshop from different states of the country including teachers and professionals in distinct fields. Various topics ranging from resource management to mutual coexistence were covered during the weeklong workshop. Along with the discussion amongst participants, directions concerned with environmental safety were provided.
72	Training of Trainers in Nonviolent Communication and Nonviolent Conflict Resolution	September 4-5, 2018	Patna, Bihar	A training of trainers was organized on nonviolent communication and nonviolent conflict resolution in Patna on September 4-5, 2018. About 35 trainers took part in the workshop. It was focussed on training the police personnel.

73	Discussions on yearlong celebration of Mahatma Gandhi 150 marked 124 th Vinobha Jayanti celebrations	September 11, 2018	Odisha	To inculcate the works and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi and Acharya Vinoba Bhave among the youths and general masses on the occasion of 124 th birth anniversary of Bhararatra Vinoba Bhave and yearlong launching program of 150 th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the Samiti in association with Vinoba Seva Pratisthan organized a state level convention on September 11, 2018 at Jayadev Bhawan, Bhubaneswar, Odisha. Above 500 participants took part in the Convention.
74	Swachhatta hi Sewa Campaign	September 15 to October 2, 2018	Delhi	'Swachhata Hi Seva 2018' a 'Jan Andolan' for Swachhata was observed in the run-up to the 4th anniversary of the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM). The Samiti as part of this initiative took up cleanliness drive in both its campuses in Gandhi Smriti and Darshan respectively. GSDS staff and officials participated in the cleanliness drive with full enthusiasm. In Gandhi Smriti Museum, Dr. Sailaja Gullapalli led the volunteers and other staff in the cleanliness drive.
75	Andhra School joins the Swachhatta Campaign	September 2018	Delhi	Andhra Education Society, popularly known as the Andhra School at the ITO, whose students took part in the commemorative programme in Gandhi Smriti on October 2, 2018 actively joined the "Swachhatta hi Sewa Campaign" in their school. The children as part of the GSDS initiative, led by their music teacher Ms. Shubha Dikshit, the students cleaned their classrooms, planted trees and wrote slogans in the school with great enthusiasm
76	149 th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi celebrated	October 2, 2018	Delhi	<p>The Samiti celebrated the 149th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi in Gandhi Smriti on October 2, 2018 where almost 450 children drawn from 26 different institutions from Bharatpur, Maharashtra, scholarship holders of Centre for Cultural Resources and Training and Delhi and NCR. On this occasion, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi led the Nation into paying rich tributes to Mahatma Gandhi in Gandhi Smriti during the evening prayer. Over 2000 people attended the evening prayer in Gandhi Smriti.</p> <p>The programme in Gandhi Smriti began with a musical tribute by the school children. Religious leaders from different faiths offered tribute to the Mahatma by reading hymns from different religious scriptures.</p> <p>On this occasion about 60 children took part in the Charkha spinning. Shri Rajiv Chandran the National Information Officer of the United Nations Information Centre in India, read out the message of the United Nations Secretary General, H.E. Mr. Antonio Guterres. Renowned singer, Padma Shri Pandit Dr. Chhannulal Mishra offered Bhakti Sangeet on the occasion.</p>
77	Inauguration of Satyagraha Mandap in Gandhi Darshan	October 3, 2018	Delhi	Hon'ble Minister of Culture and Vice-Chairman GSDS, Dr. Mahesh Sharma inaugurated the newly renovated and upgraded Satyagraha Mandap in Gandhi Darshan on October 3, 2018 at a special programme. The occasion also saw the felicitations of officials of the CPWD who had undertaken the work in a record span of time Officials from the CPWD Civil, Horticulture and Electrical were also felicitated on the occasion.
78	Gandhi Quiz with MyGov.in organised	October 2, 2018 to January 30, 2019	Pan India	To reawaken the spirit of Gandhism in all, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti organized the Gandhi Quiz from October 2, 2018 (from Gandhi Jayanti) to January 30, 2019 (Martyrdom Day of Mahatma Gandhi) in collaboration with MyGov.in. The significance of the quiz was to acclimatize citizens with the life, message and philosophy of the Father of the Nation. More than one lakh people across the country took part in this online quiz.
79	Valedictory of Ten-day Value Creation Camp	October 3, 2018	Delhi	<p>The ten-day Value Creation camp organised by the Samiti from September 23 to October 3, 2018 concluded on October 3, 2018 with the valedictory function organised in Gandhi Darshan.</p> <p>Children also shared their experiences on the occasion.</p> <p>Children also made few other cultural presentations that were enthralling. A theatre performance on "Education and Gandhi" which was coordinated under the supervision of Ms. Madhumita Khan brought out the creativity of the children of VCC.</p> <p>Yoga demonstration by children was another highlight of the programme.</p>

80	Launch of GSDS-IGNOU course on Peace Studies and Conflict Management in Jails	October 4, 2018	Delhi	Almost 125 persons took part in this programme that included academicians, Gandhians, teachers from IGNOU and others. Dr. Vinay Sahasrabudhe, was the chief guest of the programme. GSDS-IGNOU course on “Peace Studies and Conflict Management” has been launched for the inmates in 119 jails across the country.
81	Kala Sanskriti Sangam – Charkha presented the diversified culture of India	October 4-7, 2018	Delhi	<p>A grand ceremony of culture and confluence, Kala Sanskriti Sangam “Charkha” was held in Gandhi Darshan from October 4-7, 2018 by GSDS in association with Sanskar Bharati in which a grand and meaningful presentation of cultural curriculum including lecture, conversation formation, art exhibition, artistic masterminds, cultural activists, and powerful signing of social and cultural world, from various parts of India, took part.</p> <p>Over 2000 people took part in the four-day programme. The programme was dedicated to “Charkha” which gave birth to the idea of the freedom movement of India. External Affairs Minister Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Eminent film maker Shri Subhash Ghai, along with Shri Manoj Tiwari, Smt Malini Awasthi, Shri Chandra Prakash Dwivedi, and other great artists from the world of art, literature and acting witnessed the cultural extravaganza.</p>
82	Creative Expressions – A Confluence of Youth on Nonviolence	October 6, 2018	Delhi	<p>The Samiti organized a day-long programme on “Creative Expressions – Confluence of Youth on Nonviolence” in Gandhi Darshan on October 6, 2018. Almost 200 participants from different colleges took part in the programme.</p> <p>The overarching goal of this confluence was to make an environment where one could understand and propagate the philosophies of nonviolence which Mahatma Gandhi taught to enliven our surroundings in a holistic way.</p>
83	Theatre performance entitled “Gandhi Ne Kaha Tha”	October 11, 2018	Delhi	<p>The Samiti in association with Gandhi Hindustani Sahitya Sabha, New Delhi staged a theatre performance entitled Gandhi Ne Kaha Tha in Shri Ram Centre, Mandi House on October 11, 2018. The programme was dedicated to the 150 birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.</p> <p>26 artistes on stage depicted different episodes from Gandhiji’s life.</p>
84	Nirmala Deshpande Memorial Lecture organized	October 11, 2018	Delhi	Nirmala Deshpande Smriti Vyakhyan (Memorial Lecture) and Nirmala Deshpande Aagaz Ae Dosti Award-2018” was organized on October 11, 2018 at Gandhi Darshan. Almost 60 people took part in the programme.
85	Project organic farming initiated in Gandhi Darshan	September-October 2018	Delhi	The Samiti in association with BARGAD has initiated a project on organic farming through composting in Gandhi Darshan during September-October 2018 as part of the Skill Development Program of the GSDS. Almost 100 people took part in the training programme.
86	Uzbek artistes render Mahatma’s favourite hymn ‘Vaishnav jan to tene kahiye’	October 20, 2018	Delhi	<p>Artistes from Uzbekistan paid a musical tribute to Mahatma Gandhi in Gandhi Smriti by rendering his favourite hymn ‘Vaishnav jan to tene kahiye’ on October 2, 2018 as part of the international exchange programmes of the GSDS. His Excellency, Mr. Farhod Arziev Ambassador of the Republic of Uzbekistan in India was present on this special occasion that was hosted by Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan. Almost 120 people took part in this programme. The artistes also rendered old Hindi songs.</p>
87	State-level brainstorming session with Gau Gatha, Rashtra Gatha	October 31, 2018	Delhi	<p>Almost 22 experts working on issues of organic farming, and dairy farming where cow and cow products are being used for medicinal purposes took part in a brainstorming session on “Medicinal Benefits of Cow Products” in Gandhi Darshan on October 31, 2018 in association with Gau Gatha, Rashtra Gatha. The session presided over by Shri Basant ji of Karigar Panchayat saw the participants discussing a wide range of issues of the benefits of Ayurvedic medicine.</p>
88	GSDS participates in Swadeshi Mela	October 24-29, 2018	Delhi	The Samiti took part in the Swadeshi Mela organised by the Swadeshi Jagran Manch from October 24-29, 2018. Shri Dharam Pal Volunteer Guide and Shri Manish from Srijan from GSDS took part in the mela by displaying products from GSDS Srijan Entrepreneurial Centre.

89	Vigilance Awareness Week	October 31-November 3, 2018	Delhi	Shri Laxmi Dass, Executive Member GSDS and Vice-President Harijan Sevak Sangh administered the Integrity Pledge to the GSDS staff along with Shri Basant ji, Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan and others, as part of the Vigilance Awareness Week (VAW) in Gandhi Darshan on October 31, 2018. The Vigilance Awareness Week is being observed from October 31 to November 5, 2018. The VAW is celebrated every year on October 31, 2018 and coincides with the birthday of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.
90	GSDS staff take pledge as part of National Unity Day	October 31, 2018	Delhi	The day marked the 143 rd birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Shri Basant ji, Administrative Officer GSDS, Shri S A Jamal along with others pledged to dedicate themselves to preserve the unity, integrity and security of the nation and also strive hard to spread this message among their fellow countrymen".
91	Youth Conclave – Vimarsh 2018	October 22-24, 2018	Delhi	The Samiti in collaboration with Samartha Shiksha Samiti organised a "Youth Conclave – Vimarsh 2018" at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre from October 22-24, 2018. Eminent journalist Shri Prabhu Chawla inaugurated the three-day conclave. Participants from different institutions from Delhi University took part in the conclave.
92	Rehabilitation programme for differently-abled population of Tripura	October 14, 2018	Agartala Tripura	Akhanda Vikash Parishad in association with the Samiti organized a Rehabilitation programme on October 14, 2018 for differently-abled population of Tripura at Dharmanagar ISBT Complex, Sub Division Dharmanagar, District North Tripura. 150 participants including 75 volunteers of Akhanda Vikas Parishad (AVP) took part in the programme.
93	Gandhian Perspective on Alternative Dispute Resolution	October 30-31, 2018	Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh	Gandhian Perspective on Alternative Dispute Resolution organized by the Samiti in association with Indialogue Foundation and the Aligarh Muslim University on October 30-31, 2018. Mr. Tushar Gandhi, Professor Tariq Mansoor, Vice Chancellor, AMU, Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer, GSDS, Prof Tariq Islam Chairman, Department of Philosophy, AMU were the main speaker of the two days seminar.
94	Seminar on "Waste Segregation for Healthier and Hygienic Nation"	October 11-12, 2018	Bihar	The Samiti in association with Samta Seva Kendra, Sitamarhi Bihar organised a two days regional seminar on "Waste Segregation for Healthier and Hygienic Nation" at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Sitamarhi, Bihar from October 11-12, 2018. 484 participants took part.
95	Gram Swaraj Sammelan	October 24-27, 2018	Kanermath, Maharashtra	Over 500 people took part in the Gram Swarj Sammelan organised by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti in association with Siddhagiri Gurukul Foundation, Kaneri Math at Kohlapur Maharashtra from October 24-27, 2018. The thrust of the sammelan was on Karigiri or 'Workmanship'. Representatives from 13 states took part in the programme at Kaneri Village.
96	National History Symposium: II on Gandhi@150 - Gandhi in Odisha	November 3-4, 2018	Delhi	'The Intellectuals' in association with the Samiti, Harijan Sevak Sangh, Gandhi Peace Foundation, Gandhi Smarak Nidhi, Rashtriya Yuva Sanghathan, National Youth Project and Odisha Gandhivadi Forum organized a two-day National History Symposium celebrating Gandhi @ 150 in Gandhi Darshan from November 3-4, 2018. Eminent Gandhians Scholars, historians, researchers, academicians, intellectuals, and students discussed on topic 'Gandhi in Odisha' during the two-day convention. The programme aimed at throwing light on an important phase of Indian freedom struggle. Indian Freedom struggle took a new dimension after maiden visit of Gandhiji to Odisha in 1921.
97	4th International Congress on Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine	November 15- 17, 2018	Delhi	The Samiti in association with Healthy Aging India organised the 4th International Congress on Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine as part of the Asia Pacific Geriatric Medicine Network Conference on November 15-17, 2018 at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi. The conference has been attended by 30 foreign faculties from multiple countries like Singapore Australia, China etc. along with 50 Indian faculties across the country and around 300 delegates participated to share their knowledge and ideas regarding geriatric health care. The theme of the Congress was "The future of geriatric medicine.

98	Theatrical visualisation on Gandhian Thoughts by children of Rangaprabhat	November 24, 2018	Delhi	The Samiti hosted a Theatrical visualisation on Gandhian Thoughts by children from Rangaprabhat Children's Theatre, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala as a tribute to Baa and Babu 150 in Gandhi Darshan on November 24, 2018. The presentation visualised Mahatma Gandhi's poems, besides showcasing the rich cultural heritage of Kerala through Malayalam folk songs. Shri Kumar Amitabh, senior journalist and communications trainer was the guest of honour on the occasion.
99	South Asia Youth Peace Conference as part of Celebrating 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi	November 28-30, 2018	Delhi	<p>The three-day 'South Asia Regional Youth Peace Conference' was inaugurated by Mr Shri Krishna G Kulkarni, great grandson of Mahatma Gandhi at Gandhi Darshan, on November 28, 2018. The Conference was organised by the Samiti, UNESCO-MGIEP and STEP (Standing Together to Enable Peace).</p> <p>About 100 youth leaders from South Asian countries and different parts of India came together to discuss different dimensions of 'peace'. The 150th birth anniversary celebrations offer the right climate for young people of South Asia to further the peace agenda in the region.</p>
100	Gandhi Vichar Yatra organised as part of Gandhi 150	November 17-18, 2018	Kausani, Uttarakhand	The Samiti in association with Uttar Pradesh Gandhi Smarak Nidhi organised several programmes as part of the Gandhi Vichar Yatra in Kausani, Uttarakhand from November 17-18, 2018. Almost 300 people took part in the two day programme at Anasakti Ashram (established by Mahatma Gandhi) as part of the 150 th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.
101	Dialogue on Integrating Nonviolence Communication in Legal Practices	November 26, 2018	Kanpur	The Samiti organised a one day dialogue "Integrating Nonviolence Communication (NVC) in Legal Practices" at Shri Ram Law College, located at Nandna in Ghatampur in Kanpur on November 26, 2018. Almost 300 participants took part in the programme. Shri Gulshan Gupta said, "We have to understand that legal system is the primary institutional solution to conflict resolution among individuals and groups.
102	Awareness programme for Making Women aware on the Activities of the Panchayat System	November 27, 2018	Kanpur	A one-day seminar on 'Women Empowerment' was organized by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti on 27th November, 2018 at Bhagwantpur village, Kanpur. About 400 women and girls from 7 Gram Panchayats near Bhagwantpur village participated in the program.
103	Gandhi Vichar Yatra as part of Gandhi 150	November 28-30, 2018	Gujarat Ahmadabad	<p>The Samiti in association with Delhi Public Library organised the Gandhi Vichar Yatra in Gujarat from November 28-30, 2018.</p> <p>On November 28, the members reached a school in Gujarat Vidyapeeth where an interaction was held with about 100 students from the university. On November 30, the members of the Gandhi Vichar Yatra reached Gandhi Mandir at Dandi Kutir.</p>
104	Bhitharwa Ashram completes 100 years	November 20, 2018	Champan, Bihar	<p>The Bhitharwa Ashram in West Champaran district, from where Mahatma Gandhi launched his programme for the development of villages, completed 100 years on November 20, 2018. Mahatma Gandhi had founded this ashram on 20th November, 1917 during the Champaran Satyagraha.</p> <p>A special programme was organised on this occasion in Bitiharwa Ashram by Ministry of Culture and Department of Youth Affairs, Government of Bihar. Director GSDS Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Vice Chancellor Central University Motihari, Chairperson Gandhi Peace Foundation Shri Kumar Prashant and others were present on the occasion.</p>
105	Workshop on Gandhiji, Kasturba -150 Years	November 30 - December 1, 2018	West Bengal	A workshop on "Gandhiji, Kasturba -150 Yrs" was successfully organised on November 30 to 1 December 2018, at Joteghanashyam, Daspur, Paschim Medinipur by GSDS in association with Gandhi Mission Trust West Bengal. 100 volunteers and participant took part in the programme.
106	Couture Runway Week	December 1-2, 2018	Delhi	The Samiti in association with "Abhimanch" organised the Couture Runway Week at ITC Weclome Hotel, Dwarka from December 1-2, 2018 with an aim to provide recognition to budding talents and promotions of Khadi at global arena. The creative thoughts of Abhishekh Vashistha highlighted the "Life of water animals and pollution by his concept of fashion fishes.

107	Talk on Contemporary Discourse in Global Nonviolent Action: Prof. Matt Meyer	December 6, 2018	Delhi	The Samiti as part of the 150 Years of Mahatma Gandhi organised a talk on "Contemporary Discourse in Global Nonviolent Action" in Gandhi Smriti on December 6, 2018. The talk was delivered by Prof. Matt Meyer, international scholar in peace research. Dr. Vidya Jain retired professor from Gandhi Study Circle Jaipur University also spoke on the occasion.
108	GSDS receives Mahatma Gandhi's Autobiography in Japanese	December 6, 2018	Delhi	Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan received a set of Mahatma Gandhi's Autobiography from Mr. Nouki Kumagai, Minister Political, Embassy of Japan at a special function in Gandhi Smriti on December 6, 2018. Present on the occasion were Prof. Matt Meyer, Dr. Vidya Jain, Shri Rajiv Bohra, Shri Satya Paul, Dr. Sanjeev Kumar and officials from the GSDS. Mr. Kumagai assumed the current position of Political Minister at the Embassy in August 2018.
109	Tribute to Late Aparna Basu	December 12, 2018	Delhi	Rich tributes were paid to the chairperson of National Gandhi Museum, Smt. Aparna Basu who passed away on December 3, 2018 in Delhi by Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan who led the entire staff. Close associates of Late Aparna Basu recalled her humane nature and lively spirit during the condolence meeting. Almost 100 people joined the commemorative programme
110	Financial Education and Awareness Programme	December 14, 2018	Delhi	GSDS organised an awareness programme on "Financial Awareness" in Gandhi Darshan on December 14, 2018. About 60 participants took part. The training was conducted by Dr. Pramod Kr. Verma at SEBI. He discussed on Systematic Investment Plan that allows you to save a certain amount of money on a regular basis.
111	Pension Adalat conducted by the Director GSDS	December 15, 2018	Delhi	Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan conducted the proceedings of the Pension Adalat with the GSDS pensioners on December 15, 2018 in Gandhi Darshan. Almost 50 pensioners took part in the discussion and various pending and current issues related to their pensions.
112	Gandhi Exchange Programme for children with disabilities	December 18-21, 2018	Delhi	The Samiti organised a special programme for children with disabilities in Gandhi Darshan from Wardha as part of the Gandhi Exchange programme from December 18-21, 2018. During their visit to Gandhi Darshan, the children visited Gandhi Smriti, besides other historical places.
113	Workshop for Children (inmates) of the Remand Home	December 19-20, 2018	Noida, Uttar Pradesh	A workshop on "Gandhian Values and Life Skill Education" was organized for children (inmates) of the Remand (Reform) Home at Noida Phase-II, Uttar Pradesh from December 19 to 20, 2018. About 190 juvenile offenders are in this remand home and from them 50 children took part in this workshop. All of them were from different family, economic, educational and social background. Mr. Atul Kumar Soni, District Probation Officer facilitated the workshop. In this two days workshop, children were introduced to the Gandhian values of truth and non-violence.
114	2nd Anupam Mishra Memorial Lecture on "Knowledge of the Ordinary Folk"	December 22, 2018	Delhi	The Samiti organised the 2 nd Anupam Mishra Memorial Lecture on the theme "Knowledge of the Ordinary Folk by renowned grassroots environmentalist and social activist from Rajasthan, Shri Chatar Singh. About 200 people took part in the programme organised in Gandhi Darshan on December 22, 2018.
115	Workshop on Gandhian Principle of Karma	December 22, 2018	Delhi	GSDS in association with I Am Better Trust organised a day-long workshop on "Gandhian Principles of Karma" in Gandhi Darshan on December 22, 2018. 63 participants from different parts of Delhi and NCR took part in the workshop. This was aimed at provides a clear understanding of the root cause of challenges of life and the way to work towards lasting solutions in a practical and objective manner that would lead towards a fuller, richer life. Mr. Vee Jay Attri was the facilitator for the course.
116	113 th Birth Anniversary of Dr. B N Pande celebrated	December 23, 2018	Delhi	Gandhi Smriti & Darshan Samiti and the Society for Communal Harmony jointly celebrated the 113 th Birth Anniversary of Dr. Bishambhar Nath Pande, on December 23, 2018 at BN Pande Hall, Gandhi Darshan. Dr. B N Pande was a torch-bearer of communal harmony, an eminent freedom fighter, historian, Governor of Orissa, Vice-Chairman, GSDS, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha). The programme was chaired by Prof. Anand Kumar.

117	Teachers Meeting for January 30 Martyrdom Day programme	December 26, 2018	Delhi	GSDS organised a meeting with representatives of various institutions and schools in Delhi, Ghaziabad, NOIDA, Gurgaon in Gandhi Darshan on December 26, 2018 in connection with the 71 st Martyrdom of Mahatma Gandhi to be organised in Gandhi Smriti on January 30, 2019. The participation of children for the musical tribute to Mahatma Gandhi was discussed and dates were finalised.
118	National Camp for Women	December 25-29, 2018	Delhi	Gandhi Peace Foundation and the Samiti jointly organised a five-day National camp for Women in Gandhi Darshan from December 25-29, 2018. Almost 50 women participants from different parts of the country took part in the camp. The participants were part of the Samvad Yatra which began from Sabarmati to Kashmir from October 21, 2018. The camp was inaugurated by Journalist Ravish Kumar from NDTV.
119	Annual Review Meeting	December 31, 2018	Delhi	Director GSDS Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan took an Annual Review Meeting in Gandhi Darshan on December 31, 2018 for the entire staff. Different units made their presentations at the review meeting which discussed the future programmes the Samiti could organise as part of the 150 th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.
120	Workshop on Female Health and Hygiene	December 10, 2018	Ukhimath, Uttarakhand	The Samiti in association with Pyare Foundation (Promoter of Society Culture and Heritage) organised a "Workshop on Female Health and Hygiene" in Ukhimath, Block Sabhagar, Rudraprayag, Uttarakhand on December 10, 2018. The workshop was designed to discuss and deliberate about female health of the villages and reach consensus for the female health issues and concerns. Doctors, female activists, Pradhans and school and college teachers took part in the workshop. 35 Gram Panchayats also took part on the occasion.
121	Seminar and awareness programme on "Relevance of concept of Gandhiji's Trusteeship and concept of D. B. Thengdii Labourisation"	December 14-16, 2018	West Bengal	The Samiti in association with Uthaan Foundation in West Bengal organised a three-day seminar and awareness programme on "Relevance of concept of Gandhiji's Trusteeship and concept of D. B. Thengdii Labourisation" from December 14-16, 2018. The programme was presided by Dr. Ajay Maity, renowned Ayurved Doctor and Gandhian Philosopher.
122	Madhubani Literature Festival	December 19-21, 2018	Bihar	The Samiti in association with Centre for Studies of Tradition and Systems (CSTS) organised the three-day "Madhubani Literature Festival" at Rajnagar, Madhubani, Bihar from December 19-21, 2018. The three-day Madhubani Literature Festival (MLF) took off to a grand start on the VSJ College premises on December 19, 2018.
123	Tribute to Justice Chandrashekhar Dharmadhikari	January 3, 2019	Delhi	Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan led the entire GSDS staff in paying rich tributes to Padma Bhushan Justice Chandrashekhar Dharmadhikari on January 3, 2019 at a condolence meeting organised in Gandhi Darshan as a mark of respect to the former Chief Justice of Bombay High Court after his demise on January 3, 2019. He was 91. A two-minute silence was observed as a mark of respect to the departed soul.
124	Gandhi Exchange Programme on "Gandhian Constructive Programme"	January 10-13, 2019	Delhi	A 34-member 'constructive workers' from Hamirpur visited GSDS as part of the Gandhi Exchange Programme during which orientation programme on Gandhian philosophy was also conducted by the GSDS staff. The delegation included youth members from the Gram Panchayat and Gram Sabhas. Gram Pradhans and community workers attended the exchange programme.

125	Thoughts on Gandhi through Colours – A Tribute	January 16-17, 2019	Delhi	<p>The Samiti in association with Pt Sansarchand Baru Memorial Charitable Trust paid a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi through colours based on his thoughts as part of the celebrations to mark the 150 years of Mahatma Gandhi.</p> <p>The two-day programme in Gandhi Darshan from January 16-17, 2019 saw about 10 professional artist paint their impression on different aspects of Mahatma Gandhi and his eternal thoughts on canvas. The organisation has deposited all the paintings to GSDS as part of the project.</p>
126	Musical Rehearsals for Tribute to Mahatma Gandhi by children	January 18, 22, 24, 27, 28, 29, 2019	Delhi	<p>24 schools and institutions comprising almost 500 students took part in the rehearsals for the musical tribute to the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi as part of the 71st anniversary of Martyrdom Day on January 30, 2019, in Gandhi Darshan and Gandhi Smriti on January 18, 22, 24, 27, 28 and 29, 2019. The rehearsals were conducted by Shri Sudhanshu Bahuguna of Swar Trishna.</p>
127	Seminar on Understanding the Environmental Crisis on Delhi's Diaspora	January 19-20, 2019	Delhi	<p>GSDS and Udit Asha Welfare Society jointly organised a two-day seminar on "Gandhian Strategies for Environmental Crisis in Delhi" on January 19-20, 2019 at Varun Dhaka Institute of Technology, Krishna Vihar, New Delhi. Shri Gulshan Gupta, North East Coordinator took part in the programme. The chief guest of the programme was Shri Vijay Pal Baghel, more popularly known as 'Green Man'.</p>
128	Value Creation Camp for children	January 22 to February 2, 2019	Delhi	<p>To inculcate the moral values and awareness on different social issues among children, a Value Creation Camp was organized by the Samiti at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat from January 22 to February 02, 2019.</p> <p>About 70 participants from three different institutions namely State Bal Bhavan (Assam), Banwasi Sewa Ashram (Sonbhadra, Uttar Pradesh) and Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram (Gumla, Jharkhand) took part in the twelve day camp.</p>
129	13th Netaji Subhash Memorial Lecture	January 24, 2019	Delhi	<p>The Samiti in association with Netaji Subhash Bose – INA Trust organised the 13th Netaji Subhash Memorial Lecture on January 24, 2019 at FICCI Auditorium, Tansen Marg, New Delhi.</p> <p>The lecture was organised with the aim to pay tribute to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and the INA emphasizing on their contribution towards achieving India's freedom from British occupation and the relevance of his vision and advice in the present day context. Shri Subhash Kashyap, Former Secretary General of the Lok Sabha was the chief Guest.</p>
130	Gandhi Samvad – A Journey to Self-Consciousness	January 27-28, 2019	Delhi	<p>The Samiti organised a Gandhi Samvad – A Journey to Self-Consciousness in Gandhi Darshan on January 27, 2019. Brahmakumaris from the Om Shanti Retreat Centre in Gurgaon conducted the workshop with almost 400+ children from different schools and the participating children of the Value Creation Camp took part in the camp.</p> <p>On January 28, Gandhi Samvad – A Journey to Self-Consciousness was conducted on the theme Truth and Non-Violence for the staff of GSDS. Almost 100 people took part in the programme.</p>
131	Participating children of 71 st Republic Day Parade from Kilkari felicitated	January 27, 2019	Delhi	<p>Joint Secretary Ministry of Culture, Shri S. C. Barmma felicitated children and resource persons from the Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre at a special function in Gandhi Darshan on January 27, 2019.</p> <p>These children had taken part at the 71st Republic Day Parade in Rajpath on January 26, 2019. Almost 175 participants took part in the programme.</p>

132	Mahatma Gandhi remembered on 71 st Martyrdom Day	January 30, 2019	Delhi	<p>Hon'ble President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind led the nation in paying rich tributes to the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi in Gandhi Smriti on the occasion of the 71st anniversary of the Martyrdom of Mahatma Gandhi.</p> <p>The first lady, Smt. Savita Kovind also joined the hon'ble President in paying rich tributes to the Mahatma. Almost 500 children drawn from 24 different institutions took part in the programme and offered musical tribute to Gandhiji. The commemorative programme concluded with a silent tribute to Mahatma Gandhi.</p>
133	Seminar on "Religion, Society and Logic" with the eternal ideas of Vasudev Kutumbhakam	January 4-6, 2019	Haryana	A three-day workshop concluded successfully from January 4 to 6, 2019, on the theme of "Religion, society and logic in the Agnionog Ashram of Bahalpa Village located in Gururgram, Haryana. In this program, famous social worker Swami Agnivesh, participants from different sectors of the country, took part in the deliberations.
134	Seminar on Relevance of Gandhian Principles in the Society today	January 5-6, 2019	Bundi, Rajasthan	<p>The Samiti in association with Acharya Kakasaheb Kalelkar Lok Seva Kendra, Bundi, Rajasthan organised a two-day seminar on "Relevance of Gandhian Principles in the Society today" under the theme of "Inculcating Gandhian Values" on January 5-6, 2-19 in Rajasthan.</p> <p>The programme began with sarvadharm prarthana (inter-faith prayer). The chief guest was Mrs. Sonia Gurjar, Head of Bundi Zilla Parishad.</p>
135	Cultural Dance Festival as part of Gandhi 150	January 13, 2019	Noida, Uttar Pradesh	<p>The Samiti in association with Nav Sankalp Society organised a Cultural Dance Festival as part of the celebrations to mark the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on January 13, 2019. The chief guest on the occasion was Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Hon'ble Minister of State for Culture and Vice-Chairperson GSDS.</p> <p>100 performers mostly children performed on the occasion raising different awareness issues related to the life and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi.</p>
136	Orientation Programme in Nonviolent Communication for Personnel of Uttar Pradesh Police deployed during Kumbh	January 7-9, 2019	Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh	Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti has initiated a programme for police officers in different states of the country on nonviolent communication and nonviolent conflict resolution. The aim is to look at nonviolent techniques that can be adopted in policing work. Over 1000 police personnel were sensitized in the three days programme from January 7-9, 2019. For the orientation programme, three senior resource persons were involved. These included Ms Anupama Jha, Mr Kumar Amitabh and Ms Shweta Rashmi. There were 4 programmes in all in three days.
137	Sanskriti Gram and Exhibition on 'Mohan Se Mahatma' and philosophy inaugurated	January 10, 2019	Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh	<p>The Samiti took part in the Kumbh in Prayagraj as part of the 150 years of the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi from January 10 to March 4, 2019, has set up an exhibition on the life's message journey and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi entitled My Life is My Message in Hindi at the GSDS Pandal.</p> <p>A Khadi Sale Counter of Khadi clothes from GSDS 'Srijan' and Book Stall was also set up for the entire period. The exhibition consisted of 23 panels. The special GSDS Pandal was inaugurated by Hon'ble Governor of Uttar Pradesh Shri Ram Naik at a special function at Prayagraj in Kumbh on January 10, 2019.</p>
138	Promoting Rural Industry – From Local to Global at 15th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas	January 21-23, 2019	Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh	This year, GSDS in association with Beti and Siksha (B&S) Foundation organised "She The Change- Nari Udyami Award" to celebrate womanhood. The occasion saw the felicitation of 28 Indian Diaspora women from different parts of the world, which were selected by our esteemed Jury. Women business meets; trade fair and cultural programme, etc. formed part of the programme from January 21-23, 2019.

139	Interpretation Centre at Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport inaugurated	January 23, 2019	Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh	<p>As part of the celebrations to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the Samiti in association with the Airports Authority of India set up the Mahatma Gandhi Interpretation Centre at the Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport.</p> <p>The Interpretation Centre was inaugurated on January 23, 2019 by the hon'ble Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Ram Naik along with Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Yogi Adityanath.</p> <p>The exhibition focussed on Mahatma Gandhi's relation with Varanasi comprising of 12 panels. A digital component has also been added at the Interpretation Centre for the first time.</p>
140	Agra Pex 2019 – Exhibition and Gandhi Katha	January 28-30, 2019	Agra, Uttar Pradesh	<p>Department of Post and Telegraph, Ministry of Communications organised AGRA PEX – 2019, A Philatelic Exhibition from January 28-30, 2019 in Agra in association with the Samiti.</p> <p>During the three-day programme, seminars, audio visual presentations were organised to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.</p> <p>The Samiti had set up an exhibition on the life's message of Mahatma Gandhi consisting of 16 panels. A Gandhi Katha was also organised on the occasion which was narrated by Dr. Shobhana Radhakrishna.</p>
141	National Seminar on Volunteering for Nature-Human-Wildlife Mutual Co-existence	January 28-29, 2019	Agra, Uttar Pradesh	<p>The Samiti in association with Confederation of Community Based Organisations of India (CCBOS) organised a two-day seminar on "Volunteering for Nature-Human-Wildlife Mutual Co-existence" at Agra Uttar Pradesh on January 28-29, 2019. Youth from the nearby villages and women in large number took part in the programme.</p>
142	Distinguished Visitors in Gandhi Smriti	January 2019	Delhi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • French Navy Chief Admiral Christopher Prazuck on January 8, 2019 • Hon'ble Takashi Yamashita, Minister of Justice, Japan, visited Gandhi Smriti on January 11, 2019 • Mr. Chuichi Date, President, House of Councillors, Japan, visited Gandhi Smriti on January 11, 2019 • General Angus John Campbell, Chief of Defence Forces, Australia, visited Gandhi Smriti on January 11, 2019.
143	Training and Capacity Building of Voluntary Organisations and Socio-Political Leaders in "Leadership Politics and Governance"	February 3, 2019	Delhi	<p>The Samiti organised a training and capacity building programme of "Voluntary Organisations and Socio-Political Leaders in Leadership Politics and Governance" in Gandhi Smriti on February 3, 2019.</p> <p>About 20 participants from 10 states and varied backgrounds, pursuing Post Graduate Programme in "Leadership Politics and Governance" under the aegis of the Indian Institute of Democratic Leadership (IIDL) took part in the programme. These participants are aspiring to become a part of the political culture in the future.</p>
144	30th National Road Safety Week 2019 as part of Gandhi 150 sees flagging off of Motorcar Rally covering 7250 kms	February 4, 2019	Delhi	<p>Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), Government of India in association with the GSDS organised the 30th National Road Safety Week 2019.</p> <p>The 'Suraksha Yatra' as part of the 150th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi was also flagged off by Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister for Road Transport and Highways along with Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Hon'ble External Affairs Minister, Government of India (who were the chief guests on the occasion) at a grand function in Gandhi Darshan on February 4, 2019.</p>

145	Training on "Youth Leadership and Community Development"	February 4-6, 2019	Delhi	Nehru Yuva Kendra, District North West Delhi and GSDS jointly organised three-days residential training programme on "Youth Leadership and Community Development" in Gandhi Darshan from February 4-6, 2019. Almost 100 youth from different parts of Delhi and NCR took part in the programme. Dr. Atul Kumar Pandey, District Youth Coordinator was present on the occasion.
146	Training on "Youth Leadership and Community Development"	February 8-10, 2019	Delhi	The Samiti in association with Nehru Yuva Kendra, Central Delhi and Najafgarh, organised a three-days residential training programme on "Youth Leadership and Community Development" in Gandhi Darshan from February 8-10, 2019. Shri Ruchitra Narayan Tyagi, Distt Youth Coordinator, NYK District East coordinated the programme. 120 youth in the age-group of 18-24 from Central Delhi, East Delhi and South West Delhi took part in the programme.
147	Tribute to Pulwama Martyrs	February 16, 2019	Delhi	On February 14, 2019, a convoy of vehicles carrying security personnel on the Jammu Srinagar National Highway was attacked by a vehicle-borne suicide bomber at Lethpora in the Pulwama district, Jammu and Kashmir, India. The attack resulted in the deaths of 40 Central Reserve Police Force personnel. Many more injured soldiers succumbed to their injuries taking the death toll to almost 50. GSDS staff joined in a prayer meet to pay tributes to the soldiers who lost their lives in the attack on the evening of February 16, 2019. A two-minute silence was also observed on the occasion as a mark of respect to the martyrs.
148	GSDS Website re-launched as part of Gandhi:150 by Dr. Mahesh Sharma	February 18, 2019	Delhi	As part of the celebrations to mark the 150 years of Mahatma Gandhi, Hon'ble Minister of State for Culture (Independent Charge) Dr. Mahesh Sharma launched the website www.gandhismriti.gov.in of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti at a special function in Ministry of Culture, Shastri Bhawan on February 18, 2019.
149	Role of Youth for National Development discussed at 11 th Tribal Youth Exchange Programme	February 15-21, 2019	Delhi	The Samiti in association with Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, Delhi, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, organised a seven-day 11 th Tribal Youth Exchange Programme on the "Role of Youth for National Development from February 15-21, 2019 in Gandhi Darshan. Almost 200 tribal youth and 20 escorts took part in the programme.
150	Kasturba Gandhi remembered on her 75 th Death Anniversary	February 22, 2019	Delhi	The Samiti observed the 75 th death anniversary of Kasturba Gandhi by organising several commemorative programmes across Delhi and even in Varanasi. Kasturba Gandhi's death anniversary is also observed as Kasturba Nirvan Divas every year. During the program a sarva dharma prarthana sabha (inter-faith prayer meet) was organised.
151	Health camp in Central Jail 4 organised	February 12, 2019	Delhi	Dr. Manju Aggarwal, Resource Person GSDS of Tihar Central Prisons organised a health camp in Central Jail No 4 on "ENT"; TB and "HIV Screening"; and "Chest" on February 12, 2019. Doctors from the NITRD (National Institute of Tuberculosis and Respiratory Diseases), Mehrauli conducted the camp. 130 patients were examined for Chest and Respiratory Diseases; 120 patients were examined for ENT; 22 patients were examined for sputum test for CB NET. HIV counselling was conducted for 25 patients.
152	Rajasthan Chief Minister inaugurates Exhibition on Mohan Se Mahatma	February 7, 2019	Jaipur, Rajasthan	Hon'ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Shri Ashok Gehlot inaugurated a special exhibition entitled Mohan Se Mahatma in Rajasthan on February 7, 2019 while celebrating the 91 st birth anniversary of noted Gandhian thinker and activist, Padmashri Subba Rao. The nonagenarian Gandhian was present on the occasion.

153	Rakjiya Buniyadi Vidyalaya Brindaban pays tribute to Pulwama Martyrs	February 19, 2019	Champan, Bihar	Teachers and students led by the principal of the Rajkiya Buniyadi Vidyalaya Brindaban paid rich tributes to the soldiers who were killed in the Pulwama bomb blast on February 14, 2019. The programme was organised on February 19, 2019 at the school campus in Brindawan block. A candle march was also taken out on the occasion in the evening by the teachers and the students.
154	Interaction on Gandhian Philosophy for Hon'ble MLAs and MLCs of Bihar	February 11, 2019	Patna, Bihar	As part of this initiative, the Samiti organized a one-day interaction for Hon'ble MLAs and MLCs of Bihar on February 11, 2019. To take forward the multi-dimensional thoughts and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi to Hon'ble MLAs and MLC's so that they can integrate these in their efforts in the development of the community and governance, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti has initiated Orientation and Interactive programmes for hon'ble law makers across the country. The aim is to identify how Gandhian philosophy can be used for formulation of policies and sustainable development of states.
155	How children can imbibe Gandhian values? An interaction on Gandhian Philosophy	February 12, 2019	Bihar	The Samiti organized an interactive session with children of Kilkari, Bihar Bal Bhawan in Patna on February 12, 2019 on the theme Ba-Bapu Ko Naman. Initiating the interaction, Dr Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer, GSDS underlined the five pillars of Gandhian nonviolence– mutual respect, mutual understanding, , appreciation and compassion.
156	Interaction on Gandhian Philosophy – A tribute to Ba-Bapu	February 12, 2019	Bihar	As part of its efforts to promote discourses on different dimensions of Gandhian philosophy, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti organized an interactive session in Patna, Bihar on February 12, 2019 at Bihar Arthik Adhyan Sansthan.
157	Visitor in Gandhi Smriti	February 2019	Delhi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monaco's Prince Albert II visited Gandhi Smriti on February 5, 2019. He was received by Shri S A Jamal, Administrative Officer GSDS and Dr. Sailaja Gullapalli, Research Associate GSDS. Hon'ble Austrian Minister for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, Dr. Karin Kneissl visited Gandhi Smriti on February 26, 2019. Dr. Sailaja Gullapalli received the delegation.
158	Peace prayer marks International Women's Day	March 8, 2019	Delhi	<p>Guild of Services, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti joined together in celebrating the International Women's Day in Gandhi Smriti on March 8, 2019 in Gandhi Smriti by organising an interfaith peace prayer meet. Religious leaders from different faiths, singers, members from the civil society; children from a school run by the Guild of Services in Najafgarh and others took part in the programme.</p> <p>The Chief Guest on the occasion was Smt. Gursharan Kaur, wife of former Prime Minister of India, Dr. Manmohan Singh. Smt. Uma Prabhu, wife of Union Minister of Civil Aviation, Government of India Shri Suresh Prabhu was the guest of honour on the occasion. Veteran actress and social worker Smt. Sushma Seth also attended the programme along with the Chairperson of Guild of Services, Dr. V. Mohini Giri.</p>
159	MY VOICE – A Dialogue to Promote International Women's Day	March 8, 2019	Delhi	On the occasion of International Women's Day, Gandhi Smriti and Gandhi Darshan collaborated with IGNOU and Youth for Peace International to celebrate and discuss the role of women in peace-building. The theme that was chosen was MY VOICE. Women from different walks of life came together to share their life journeys, struggles and how their contributing to the bigger vision of Mahatma Gandhi. Almost 150 participants took part in the programme.

160	Seminar on Employment Oriented Migration of Women	March 9, 2019	Delhi	The Samiti in association with Azra Foundation organised a seminar on "Inter-state Employment Oriented Migration of Female in India" on March 9, 2019. The panel of esteemed guest who were invited as speakers included chief guest Mrs. Soso Shazia from the National Commission for Women; Dr. Rehman, Prof. Avinash from NIPA, Mrs. Marshah, Chairman of Minority Development of India, Mrs Mamata, social worker.
161	Tribute to Dr. T Karunakaran	March 25, 2019	Delhi	The Samiti paid rich tributes to Dr. T Karunakaran an eminent Gandhian and a member of the Gandhi 150 Committee set up by the Government of India on March 25, 2019 in Gandhi Darshan. Born on December 26, 1946, Dr. T Karunakaran an Electrical Engineer from Madras University earned his PhD in Mathematical System Theory from IIT, Delhi.
162	"Prarthana" –A Musical Dastan about Death Through the Life and Thought of Mahatma Gandhi	March 29, 2019	Delhi	Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti in association with Ankit Chadha Foundation presented "Prarthana" –A Musical Dastan about Death Through the Life and Thought of Mahatma Gandhi in Satyagraha Mandap, Gandhi Darshan on March 29, 2019. Based on Late Ankit Chadha's years of continuing research on the Collected Works of Mahatma Gandhi, 'Prarthana' is a musical dastan that tries to unravel the mystery of death, as seen by Gandhi.

An archival photograph showing Mahatma Gandhi sitting outside his room at the Birla House (today Gandhi Smriti). Another photograph in extreme right shows Mahatma Gandhi walking out from the window for his last walk to the Prayer Ground on January 30, 1948.



Tributes to Mahatma Gandhi

149th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi celebrated

The Samiti celebrated the 149th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi in Gandhi Smriti on October 2, 2018 where almost 450 children drawn from 26 different institutions from Bharatpur, Maharashtra, scholarship holders of Centre for Cultural Resources and Training and Delhi and NCR. On this occasion, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi led the Nation into paying rich tributes to Mahatma Gandhi in Gandhi Smriti during the evening prayer. Hon'ble former Vice-President of India, Dr. Mohd Hamid Ansari also offered his tributes on the occasion. Shri B P Singh, Hon'ble former Governor of Sikkim, Smt. Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee, former VC GSDS and others also paid homage to Gandhiji. Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Hon'ble Minister of Culture and Vice-Chairman GSDS was also present on the occasion. Secretary Ministry of Culture, Shri Arun Goel, Joint Secretary MOC, Shri S C Barmma joined in the commemorative programme. Over 2000 people attended the evening prayer in Gandhi Smriti.



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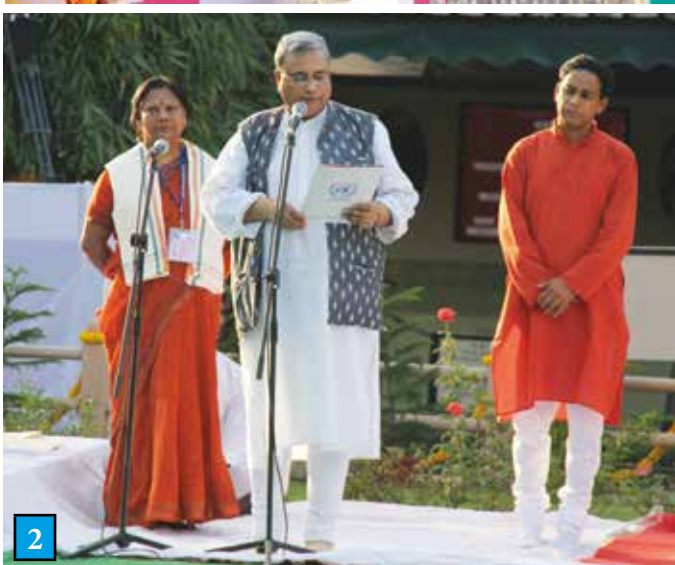


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1. Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi paying tributes to Mahatma Gandhi in Gandhi Smriti.

2. Hon'ble Minister of Culture and Vice-Chairman GSDS Dr. Mahesh Sharma offering tributes to Mahatma Gandhi.

3. Hon'ble Secretary Ministry of Culture, Shri Arun Goel offering his tributes to Gandhiji.



The programme in Gandhi Smriti began with a musical tribute by the school children who sang almost eight songs on patriotism, social awakening and universal peace. One song composed from a poem *He Namrata Ke Sagar* written by Mahatma Gandhi was also sung on the occasion.

Religious leaders from different faiths offered tribute to the Mahatma by reading hymns from different religious scriptures. Buddhist Prayer (Japanese), Buddhist Prayer (Tibetan), Bahai Prayer, Readings from the Holy Bible, Prayer from Zoroastrianism, Prayer from Judaism, Readings from the Holy Quran, Readings from the Holy Guru Granth Sahib, Prayer from Jainism, Shabad Kirtan and Readings from the Bhagawad Gita.

On this occasion about 60 children from Kasturba Balika Vidyalaya, Ishwar Nagar and Bapa Ashram Residential Primary School, Harijan Sevak Sangh took part in the Charkha spinning.



1. Padmashri Pandit Dr. Chhannulal Mishra offering tributes to Gandhiji.

2. Shri Rajiv Chandran, National Information Officer of UNIC reading out the message of U.N. Secretary General H.E. Mr. Antonio Guterres.

3&4. Children from different institutions and spinners gather to pay tribute to Mahatma Gandhi.

5. Distinguished gathering including former Vice President of India, Dr. Mohd Hamid Ansari, granddaughter of Mahatma Gandhi, Smt. Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee and others joined in the commemorative programme.

6. Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi shares a word with children from Rashtriya Virjanand Andh Kanya Vidyalaya after the programme.

Shri Rajiv Chandran the National Information Officer of the United Nations Information Centre in India, read out the message of the United Nations Secretary General, H.E. Mr. Antonio Guterres.

Renowned singer, Padma Shri Pandit Dr. Chhannulal Mishra offered *Bhakti Sangeet on the occasion*. Songs of Kabir, Tulsidas, Meera rang in the Prayer Ground in Gandhi Smriti creating a somber atmosphere.

The musical tribute by the school children was coordinated by Shri Sudhanshu Bahuguna of Swar Trishna. The participating schools and institutions that took part included: *Siddhagiri Gurukul Foundation, Kaneri Math, Kolhapur, Maharashtra, Lupin Human Welfare and Research Foundation, Bharatpur, Rajasthan, Students under the scholarship scheme implemented by Centre for Culture Resource and Training, Govt. Girls Sec. School, Mayur Vihar, Rashtriya Virjanand*



(Above): Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi greets the Dharam Gurus, music coordinators for the children's programme and the Bhakti Sangeet team after the programme.

(Below): Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan presents a Charkha to Pt. Chhannulal Mishra.



Andh Kanya Sr. Sec. School, Vikaspuri, Bapa Ashram Residential Primary School, Harijan Sevak Sangh, Kingsway Camp, Delhi, Mira Model School, Janakpuri, Saraswati Bal Mandir School, Punjabi Bagh, G. P. Public School, Dilshad Colony, MBS International School, Dwarka, St. Teresa School, Indraprastha, Ghaziabad, Green Fields Jr. High School, Ghaziabad, Jaspal Kaur Public School, West Shalimar Bagh, Manav Bhavana Public School, Nathupura, Bal Bhavan Public School, Mayur Vihar, East Point School, Vasundhara Enclave, Maharaja Agrasen Public School, Ashok Vihar, R. K. Modern Sr. Sec. School, Noida, Andhra Shiksha Samaj Dr. Durgabai Deshmukh Smarak Sr. Sec. School, ITO, Aster Public School, Mayur Vihar, Kasturba Balika Vidyalaya, Ishwar Nagar, De Indian Public School, Rohini, Khul Ke Jio Volunteer Organisation, Shakarpur Khas, KAMS Convent School, Nathupura, and Shriram Shiksha Mandir, Jindpur.

Mahatma Gandhi remembered on 71st Martyrdom Day

Hon'ble President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind led the nation in paying rich tributes to the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi in Gandhi Smriti on the occasion of the 71st anniversary of the Martyrdom of Mahatma Gandhi. The first lady, Smt. Savita Kovind also joined the hon'ble President in paying rich tributes to the Mahatma.

Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri Venkaiah Naidu also offered his tributes on the occasion. Former Vice President of India, Dr. Mohd Hamid Ansari, former Prime Minister of India, Dr. Manmohan Singh, his wife, Smt. Gursharan Kaur, former Governor of Sikkim, Dr. B P Singh, Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Hon'ble Minister of Culture and



Hon'ble President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind and the First Lady, Smt. Savita Kovind pay tribute to Mahatma Gandhi at the Martyrs Column in Gandhi Smriti.



4. Executive Members of GSDS and President and Vice President of Harijan Sevak Sangh Shri Sankar Kumar Sanyal (R) & Shri Laxmi Dass (L) offers tribute to the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi in Gandhi Smriti.

1. Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu offers tributes to Gandhiji, as J.S. MoC, Shri Pranav Khullar looks on.

2. Hon'ble former Prime Minister of India, Dr. Manmohan Singh and his wife Smt. Gursharan Kaur pays tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at the Martyrs Column in Gandhi Smriti.

3. Hon'ble Minister of Culture and VC GSDS Dr. Mahesh Sharma greets Bhakti Sangeet artist Shri Suresh Wadkar.

Vice-Chairperson GSDS were also present on the occasion. Joint Secretary MOC Shri Pranav Khullar, Smt. Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee, Smt. Sumitra Gandhi Kulkarni, Shri Shrikrishna Kulkarni also offered their tributes to the Mahatma. Almost 2000 participants from different segments of the society took part in the programme.

Almost 500 children drawn from 24 different institutions took part in the programme and offered musical tribute to Gandhiji through songs of saints and philosophers and patriotic songs. The schools were: *State Bal Bhawan Assam; Banwasi Seva Ashram, Govindpur, Uttar Pradesh; Banwasi Kalyan Kendra, Jharkhand; Bhauras Devras Saraswati Vidya Mandir, NOIDA; Kasturba Balika Vidyalaya, Ishwar Nagar; Bapa Ashram Residential Primary School, Harijan Sevak Sangh, Kingsway Camp; Presidium School, Gurgaon; Rashtriya Virjananda Andh Kanya Vidyalaya, Vikaspuri, New Delhi; Swastik Public School, Village Ibrahimpur, Delhi; Sri Venkateshwar International School, Dwarka, Delhi; Delhi Public School, Panipat City; Sub Valley International School, Vaishali; Indirapuram Public School, Indirapuram; Sulabh Public School, Dwarka; Somerville School, Vasundhara Enclave; St. Anthonys Girls Sr Sec School, Paharganj; Summer Fields School Gurgaon; Dev Samaj Modern School, Sukhdev Vihar; Gaurs International School Gaur City, NOIDA; Billabong High International School, NOIDA Uttar Pradesh; Vidya Vihar Vidyalaya, Shahadra, Delhi; St. Thomas School, Indirapuram; Dr. Zakir Hussain Memorial Sr. Sec School, Jafrabad and Shahid Hemu Kalani Sarvodaya Bal Vidyalaya, Lajpat Nagar.* The musical tribute by the children was coordinated by Shri Sudhanshu Bahuguna of Swar Trishna.



Distinguished gathering such as former Vice President of India, Dr. Mohd Hamid Ansari, Smt. Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee, Smt. Sumitra Gandhi Kulkarni, Shri Krishna Kulkarni and people from different segments of the society assembled in Gandhi Smriti to pay tribute to Mahatma Gandhi.



Tibetan Buddhist Monks from Japan join the inter-faith prayer meet in Gandhi Smriti.

Religious leaders from different religious faith offered prayers on the occasion. The Bhakti Sangeet was rendered by renowned artist Shri Suresh Wadkar. Songs of Kabir, Meerabai rang in the Prayer Ground in Gandhi Smriti making the occasion more sombre. On stage with Shri Wadkar were: Smt. Padma Wadkar, Shri Ajay Prasanna (flute), Shri Ratan Prasanna (Guitar), Shri Anurodh Jain (Side Rhythm), Shri Vinayak Netke (Tabla); Shri Javed Hassan (Key Board).

The commemorative programme concluded with a silent tribute to Mahatma Gandhi in the very Prayer Ground where the commemorative programme was solemnised.



Silent tribute to Mahatma Gandhi by the participating assembly of people on January 30, 2019.

Significant Initiatives

Launch of GSDS-IGNOU course on Peace Studies and Conflict Management in Jails

"No study of Gandhian Studies is complete without Gandhian Action": Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe

"Conflict management and conflict resolution are terminologies that need to be changed or redesigned into words like 'cohesive' and 'creation' (*samanvay evam srijan*) and there should be a confluence of cohesive creation. This would be a befitting tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on his 150th birth anniversary", said Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe, Hon'ble Member of Parliament and President Indian Council for Cultural Relations.



(Above): Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan presents a charkha to former Vice Chairperson GSDS, Smt. Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee.

(Below): Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe, hon'ble Member of Parliament and President I.C.C.R addresses the gathering, as members on the dais (L to R): Prof. D. Gopal, Deptt of Social Science, IGNOU; Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Vice-Chancellor IGNOU; Smt. Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee and Shri Laxmi Dass, Member EC GSDS keenly listens.

Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe was speaking as the chief guest at the launch of the GSDS-IGNOU course on "Peace Studies and Conflict Management" in 119 jails across the country in Gandhi Smriti on October 4, 2018.

Speaking to almost 125 persons that included academicians, Gandhians, teachers from IGNOU and others, Dr. Sahasrabuddhe, while referred to conflict and its appropriate management and said: "We are all prisoners of situation and our effort is to come out of this situation".

"It is this very core issue where lies the importance of Gandhian studies. But 'Gandhian Action' is more vital, and therefore the whole emphasis should also be to increase the knowhow of the artisans to enhance their skill and know how".

Dr. Vinay further stated: "No studies of Gandhian studies without Gandhian action is complete, and, therefore, we have to think on how to take this course further".

Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Vice-Chancellor IGNOU called the occasion a 'big day' and reiterated the commitment of IGNOU in creating assets in the country. He said, "We believe in creating assets from those who consider some others as liability", adding, "This course is designed free for inculcating values amongst the prison inmates".

Saying that prison and charkha were inter-linked to Mahatma Gandhi, Smt. Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee, former VC GSDS and granddaughter



Distinguished gathering at the launch ceremony of the certificate course in Gandhi Smriti.



In the Pix-(L to R): Prof. D. Gopal, Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Smt. Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee, Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe and Shri Laxmi Dass with the launch copy of the certificate course program.

of Mahatma Gandhi emphasised that “We should become ambassadors of forgiveness”. She mentioned her experience about visiting jails in Italy and said that “Mahatma Gandhi is not limited to India. Gandhi is a fragrance who re-lived and re-invented the Charkha and tradition of India”.

“We must teach compassion to both the girl and the boy child and thereby develop a sense of responsibility”, she concluded.

Prof. D Gopal, from the Deptt of Social Science, IGNOU who developed the course material, said, “This is a foundation programme, based on the principles of on-violence as espoused by Mahatma Gandhi and we have tried to work on the principles of peace, non-violence and truth, setting it in the contemporary context”.

Earlier Shri Laxmi Dass, Executive Member GSDS and Vice-President Harijan Sevak Sangh in his welcome address hoped that the training provided to the inmates in different jails across the country, will develop their skills. He said, “Not all people in jails are criminals. Unforeseen circumstances have often created such situation that they have landed behind bars. Therefore, our effort should be towards changing their hearts through this course, which will be a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on the occasion of his 150th birth anniversary”.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. K D Prasad, Regional Director, (RC-2), IGNOU.

Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan welcomed the gathering by presenting *angavastram* and *charkhas* as token souvenirs.

Kala Sanskriti Sangam – Charkha presented the diversified culture of India

A grand ceremony of culture and confluence, *Kala Sanskriti Sangam “Charkha”* was held in Gandhi Darshan from October 4-7, 2018 by GSDS in association with Sanskar Bharati in which a grand and meaningful presentation of cultural curriculum including lecture, conversation formation, art exhibition, artistic masterminds, cultural activists, and powerful signing of social and cultural world, from various parts of India, took part. Over 2000 people took part in the four-day programme.

The programme was dedicated to “Charkha” which gave birth to the idea of the freedom movement of India. At the center of the event was the ‘spinning wheel’. The cultural conglomeration was directly related to Gandhi’s ideals and dreams of India.



(Above and Below): Distinguished gathering including Baba Yogendra ji along with Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Hon’ble Minister of Culture and V.C. GSDS join the inaugural ceremony by felicitating prominent personalities from the field of art and culture in Gandhi Darshan during the Kala Sanskriti Sangam.



Presentations by famous singers such as Ustad Vaishfuddin Dagar saab, Pandit Bhajan Sopori alongwith his son Shri Abhay Sopori and others to a packed audience were the inaugural highlights of the Kala Sanskriti Sangam organised in Gandhi Darshan.

On October 4, the prominent seekers of social and cultural world, who came from all over the country, expressed their views on nonviolence and nationalism, along with Mahatma Gandhi's spiritual and cultural vision. Shri Ashutosh Adani, from Nagpur, Shri Ravindra Bharti ji, who came from Jaipur highlighted the Indian approach of non-violence. Mr. Ashok Kumar, from Bangalore, talked about Gandhi's social attitude.

Pandit Chetan Joshi ji (Delhi) discussed in detail the definition of non-violence given by Lord Shri Krishna in the 16th chapter of the Gita. Dr. Sanjay Kumar Chaudhary, from Jharkhand, said that Gandhi's non-violence is not a nonviolence of the cowardly.

In this four-day programme, more than 500 representatives from across the country were present. During this session Shri Ashok G. Tiwari, Smt. Nilanjana Roy, Shri Bharat Kundu, Mr. Shriman Dhananjay Kushre, Shrimant Deepak ji, and others shared many ideas among themselves.

Famous Dhrupad singer Ustad Vaishfuddin Dagar Sahib rendered bhajans on the occasion on October 6. The cultural programme witnessed the presence of renowned artistes like Padmashri Shekhar Sen, Padmashri Mrs. Malini Awasthi; the art of Padmashri Rishi Yogendra, along with the best practitioners of the art world. Sadhakas or connoisseurs such as Ameeranchand ji, Vittha Jhamdar ji, Shri Ravindra Bharti ji, Manane Swant Ranjan and others were present on the occasion.

The session on "Indian culture and social harmony" was discussed in the seminar on October 5. The thinkers kept their thoughts on many aspects of this topic. Shri Niranjana Panda, who came from Bhubaneswar, entered the subject and Mr. Ashok Tiwari, Shri Ravi Devi expressed his thoughts.



Distinguished speakers at the session on "Indian Culture and Social Harmony" speaking on the occasion.

The opening of the painting exhibition was also done by CCRT Chairman, Dr. Hemlata S. Mohan. Artists of art and other dignitaries were present on this occasion. Shri Adwitya Ganawayak, Director NGMA was also present on the occasion. The whole complex was embellished with *Rangoli*.

The evening saw famous santoor maestro Padmashri Shri Bhajan Sopori and his son Shri

Abhay Sopori ji. Earlier Pt. Chetan Joshi's flute recital kept the audience mesmerised. Hon'ble Minister of Culture, Dr. Mahesh Sharma was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Mr. Rakesh Sinha (Rajya Sabha MP), Mr. Sachchidanand Joshi (Member Secretary, IGNCA) were also present on the occasion.



1. Shri Amir Chand ji speaking at the Kala Sanskriti Sangam in Gandhi Darshan.
2. Director GSDS Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan presents a charkha to Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, Smt. Sushma Swaraj.
3. Noted personality Shri Subhash Ghai being felicitated by Shri Anupam Bhatnagar.

The theme of the seminar on October 6 was "The Vision of Women and Indian Vision". Shri Amirchand ji, Kumar Swamy from Hyderabad, Shri Sanjay Poddar from Bihar, Shri Shravani Sinha, Smt. Sumitra Pradhan and others took part in the discussion and shared their views.

A vivid cultural presentation by Shri Rahul Chaudhary Neel and Mrs Richa Aditya with the combination of Padmabhushan Smt. Saroj Vaidyanathan and Mrs. Sumita Pradhan depicted the glimpses of all the states. On this occasion, a souvenir "Mayukh" which was published and edited by Mrs. Dr. Gold Anil was released.



Vivid cultural presentations by young and professional groups and artistes marked the cultural conglomeration in Gandhi Darshan at the sangam.

External Affairs Minister Smt. Sushma Swaraj was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Eminent film maker Shri Subhash Ghai, along with Shri Manoj Tiwari, Smt Malini Awasthi, Shri Chandra Prakash Dwivedi, and other great artists from the world of art, literature and acting witnessed the cultural extravaganza. Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan felicitated Smt. Sushma Swaraj on the occasion by presenting a charkha.



An artefact in the shape of the spinning wheel, representing the idea of freedom and spirituality was in display during the four-day Kala Sanskriti Sangam.

The topic of the discussion on the last day on October 7 was "Cleanliness" in which many thinkers expressed their views. I Mr. Ravindra Dev from Pune, Mr. Chandrakant Gharote from Gujarat addressed the delegates. Mr. Subhash Aggrawal, who came from Agra expressed his views in detail.

Representatives from all the provinces of the country participated in a four-day cultural gathering. The people also made a lot of purchases from different stalls – Deendayal Research Resource, stalls from IGNCA, Ekatmya Darshan, and Srijan from Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti.

Mr. Anupam Bhatnagar, Mr. Bhupendra Kaushik, Mr. Varadhan Suman, Mr. Mahendra Gupta, Mr. Subodh Sharma, Mr. Avtar Sahni, Mr. Ved Prakash and all other workers who played a vital role in making the programme successful were felicitated.

Uzbek artistes render Mahatma's favourite hymn 'Vaishnav jan to tene kahiye'

Artistes from Uzbekistan paid a musical tribute to Mahatma Gandhi in Gandhi Smriti by rendering his favourite hymn 'Vaishnav jan to tene kahiye' on October 2, 2018 as part of the

international exchange programmes of the GSDS. His Excellency, Mr. Farhod Arziev Ambassador of the Republic of Uzbekistan in India was present on this special occasion that was hosted by Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan.



(Above and Below): Artistes from Uzbekistan performing 'Vaishnavjana to tene kahiye' in Gandhi Smriti.

Almost 120 people took part in this programme that included Shri Manish Prabhat, Shri S Pandey, Shri Anil K Shastri, representative of the Ministry of Culture (TBC), Shri Laxmi Dass, Executive Member GSDS and Vice-President Harijan Sevak Sangh, Shri Basant Singh, former Advisor, GSDS, Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Dr. Sailaja Gullapalli, staff of GSDS and others.

Besides singing 'Vaishnav jan to tene kahiye', the artistes also made the morning more musical with their renditions of old Hindi songs from the golden era of Hindi film music.

The artistes from Uzbekistan are part of the team of artistes from 40 countries from all over the world who feature in the 'Vaishnav jan to tene

kahiye' medley album, which on Gandhi Jayanti (October 2), was launched by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi during the closing ceremony of the "Mahatma Gandhi International Sanitation Conference" in the presence of the Secretary General of the United Nations H.E. Mr. Antonio Gutierrez, External Affairs Minister Smt.Sushma Swaraj, Minister of Drinking Water and Sanitation Smt.Uma Bharti and other prominent personalities.



Distinguished gathering at the presentation ceremony of Mahatma Gandhi's autobiography in Uzbek Language.

All Indian Missions abroad identified a local artists/group to record the bhajan in the run-up to Gandhi Jayanti celebrations. The result is an eclectic, colourful and rich rendition of the hymn infused with the local flavour of the region. From Armenia to Angola, Sri Lanka to Serbia, Iraq to Iceland, prominent local singers/groups have showcased their talent to this favourite hymn of the Mahatma. 1-2 videos froms different regions of the world were then put together in a fusion video of about five minutes to give a flavour of the bhajan as recorded by different artists. It is expected to have contribution from all the countries recognised by the United Nations.

Amongst the star performers in the video launched by the Prime Minister of India was President Baron Divavesi Waqa of Nauru. Further, President Waqa's gesture was not just a special tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on his 150th Birth Anniversary but was also a personal gift from him to the Indian Prime Minister.

Young leaders commit themselves for peace in their region during the South Asia Youth Peace Conference.

The three- day 'South Asia Regional Youth Peace Conference' was inaugurated by Mr Shri Krishna G Kulkarni, great grandson of Mahatma

Gandhi at Gandhi Darshan, on November 28, 2018. The Conference was organised by the Samiti, UNESCO-MGIEP and STEP (Standing Together to Enable Peace). About 100 youth leaders from South Asian countries and different parts of India came together to discuss different dimensions of 'peace'. The 150th birth anniversary celebrations offer the right climate for young people of South Asia to further the peace agenda in the region.



Speaking at the event Shri Krishna G Kulkarni underscored on how the Mahatma was a man of action. He called upon the youth leaders to take to nonviolent action to promote peace and sustainable development in South Asia. Shri Krishna Kulkarni during the interaction said that 'Indians are seekers and not just believers and that's our source of plurality and that secularity is in our DNA'. Speaking of fearlessness, kindness and compassion, Mr Kulkarni talked about the vision and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi and hoped that the South Asia Youth Pacific Conference will be able to mobilise youth across the region.

Mr. Abel Caine, representative UNESCO MGIEP talked about UNESCO's 'International Youth Campaign on Kindness for Sustainable

Speakers at the South Asian Youth Peace Conference included:

1. Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Director GSIDS;
2. Shri Krishna G. Kulkarni, great grandson of Mahatma Gandhi;
3. Mr. Abel Caine, representative UNESCO MGIEP;
4. Ms. Shreya Jani, Founder Director, STEP;
5. Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer, GSIDS.



Development Goals' to mobilise the world youth to achieve 17 SDG through acts of kindness. He stressed on youth participation for mobilisation of stories of kindness.

Director GSDD, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan talked about the interventions of the Samiti for peace and nonviolence in different sections of the society. He said the life and message of the Mahatma offers insightful education for peace, nonviolence and a path for living an ethical life.

Ms Shreya Jani, Managing Trustee of Standing Together to Enable Peace Trust (STEP) said, "As peace builders, we must listen to the stories and wisdom of our elders carefully, of visionary like Ba-Bapu, Mandela, Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks and many more who have taught us that we are all interconnected in a web of relationships one that includes our enemies."



Danceuse Ms. Neha Bhatnagar addresses the gathering as her students from "Sarvam Shakti" perform (below) on the occasion.



The countries represented include: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka. As part of the ongoing celebrations of the 150th birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation, the young people have come together to create an action plan to power the Sustainable Development Goals through the lens of love and kindness.

The objective of the conference was to eliminate stereotypes, prejudices across all borders, to understand micro-macro aspect of the issues, identify common challenges and develop plan of action, to build a network of youth leaders.

The inauguration programme saw Bharatnatyam, Kathak and Garba performances by children of "Sarvam Shakti", a project of Sarvam Foundation where children, mostly underprivileged girls are taught the power of self-worth and identity in their impressionable years through different classical and contemporary forms of dance under the guidance of eminent Bharatnatyam exponent Ms. Neha Bhatnagar.

Children from "Music Basti" along with their mentor Debojyoti Nath performed songs of hope and change on the occasion. Children from different government schools and underprivileged section are by way of different pedagogical approach taught music.

The conference focussed on:

- **'Gender'** – Ms. Megha Rawat, Mr. Varun Narain, Mr. Yusuf Saeed, Ms. Anika Verma were the resource persons.
- **'Food Security'** – Ms. Jaimala Iyer, Mr. Paramjeet Bernad, were the key resource persons
- **'Interfaith Harmony'** – Mr. Yusuf Saeed, Ms. Shreya Jani
- **'Digital Media'** – Dr. Anubhuti Yadav, Mr. Samuel Poumai
- **'Art Democracy and Dialogue'** – Ms. Ranjana Pandey was the key resource person for this session.



Participants taking part in different sessions by senior resource persons during the SAYPC in Gandhi Darshan.

Amongst the objectives include the aim to equip young leaders with skills and knowledge based on peace education, critical enquiry and socio-emotional learning as a tool to engage with their peers. The aim is also to build a network of youth leaders and change-makers across South Asia who will join hands to address common challenging issues together.

The conference was followed by field trips to Gandhi Smriti, Jantar Mantar, Daryaganj. Group presentations formed another feature of the conference



Shri Laxmi Dass, Vice President Harijan Sevak Sangh interacts with participants at the valedictory session of the SAYPC.



Sufi singer Sh. Dhruv Sangari enthralled the participants with renditions of Amir Khusrau, Baba Bulleshah and Hazrat Nizamuddin at the finale of the SAYPC in Gandhi Darshan.

The closing ceremony of the three-day conference was graced by Shri Laxmi Dass, Gandhian and Executive Member of GSDS who also interacted with the youth. Representatives from each groups presented their "flags of intentions"

to Director GSDS, who in his address hoped that they would start working immediately in their respective areas and across borders to take the 'intentions' further.

The grand finale saw a cultural performance by Sufi singer Dhruv Sangari whose renditions of Amir Kushrau, Baba Bulleshah, Hazrat Nizammuddin kept the audience mesmerised.

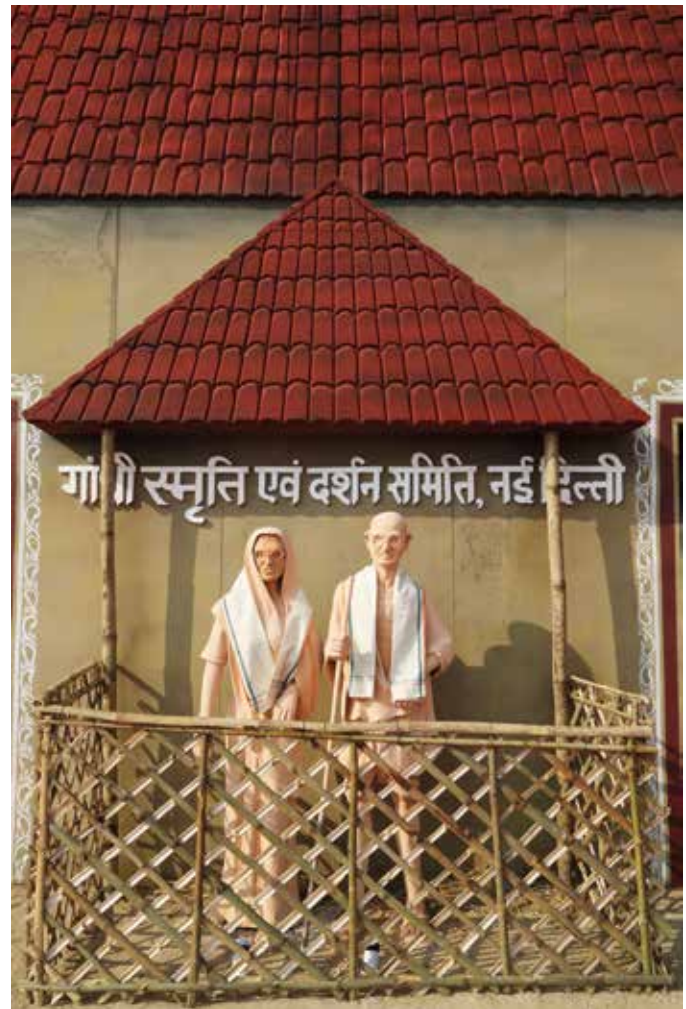
Sanskriti Gram and Exhibition on 'Mohan Se Mahatma' and philosophy inaugurated

The Samiti which participated in the Kumbh in Prayagraj as part of the 150 years of the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi from January 10 to March 4, 2019, set up an exhibition on the life's message journey and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi entitled *My Life is My Message* in Hindi at the GSDS Pandal. A Khadi Sale Counter of Khadi clothes from GSDS 'Srijan' and Book Stall was also set up for the entire period. The exhibition consists of 23 panels.



(Above): Director GSDS Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan felicitates Hon'ble Governor of Uttar Pradesh, H.E. Shri Ram Naik with an angavastram.

(Below): Hon'ble Shri Ram Naik alongwith Hon'ble Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Minister of Culture and VC GSDS visiting the exhibition set up by GSDS at Kumbh.



(Above and Below): Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti's pavilion and Khadi Sale Counter in Sanskriti Gram.

The special GSDS Pandal was inaugurated by Hon'ble Governor of Uttar Pradesh Shri Ram Naik at a special function at Prayagraj in Kumbh on January 10, 2019. Hon'ble Minister of Culture and VC GSDS Dr. Mahesh Sharma was also present at the inaugural ceremony. Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Administrative Officer GSDS Shri S A Jamal, Research Officer Smt. Geeta Shukla along with other GSDS members were present on the occasion. Hon'ble Governor Shri Ram Naik also took a tour of the GSDS Pandal and viewed the exhibition set up by the GSDS.

Interpretation Centre at Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport inaugurated

As part of the celebrations to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the Samiti in association with the Airports Authority of India set up the *Mahatma Gandhi Interpretation Centre at the Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport*. The Interpretation Centre was inaugurated on January 23, 2019 by the hon'ble Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Ram Naik along with Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Yogi Adityanath. The exhibition focussed on Mahatma Gandhi's relation with Varanasi comprising of 12 panels.



1. Smt Geeta Shukla, Research Officer GSDS explaining GSDS exhibition to Hon'ble Governor of Uttar Pradesh H.E. Shri Ram Naik and Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Yogi Adityanath.

2&3. GSDS staff and Airport staff pose for a group photograph. A glimpse of the exhibition in display.

A digital component has also been added at the Interpretation Centre for the first time. This is an interactive digital kiosk which enables the visitor to access the virtual tour on the life and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi, besides giving an introduction to Gandhi Smriti, the site of the martyrdom of the Mahatma. Another component in this virtual platform is that visitors of all ages can know more about the Mahatma through Gandhi Quiz and the chronology of Gandhiji's life. Besides, audios and videos on Gandhiji have also been added in the kiosk to make it more creative.

GSDS Website re-launched as part of Gandhi: 150 by Dr. Mahesh Sharma

As part of the celebrations to mark the 150 years of Mahatma Gandhi, Hon'ble Minister of State for Culture (Independent Charge) Dr. Mahesh Sharma launched the website www.gandhismriti.gov.in of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti at a special function in Ministry of Culture, Shastri Bhawan on February 18, 2019. Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan was also present on the occasion. The Executive Body Members of GSDS Shri Sankar Kumar Sanyal, Shri Laxmi Dass, Ms. Rajni Bakshi were present at the launch ceremony. Shri Shiv Kumar, Sr. Technical Director and Dr. Prem Kumar Technical Director of National Informatics Centre (NIC) who supervised the technical requirements of the website were present on the occasion. Joint Secretary Ministry of Culture, Shri S C Barmma, was also present on the occasion.



Dr. Mahesh Sharma (C) hon'ble Minister of Culture and VC GSDS charing a meeting at the re-launch of the website of GSDS in Shastri Bhawan. The EC Members of GSDS, Shri Sankar Kumar Sanyal, Shri Laxmi Dass, Ms. Rajni Bakshi, J.S. MoC Shri S C Barmma, Dr. Prem Kumar, Technical Director, NIC and Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Director GSDS were present at the launch ceremony.

The website: www.gandhismriti.gov.in has been redesigned with a new look, focussing to increase user and customer/visitor's engagement and made more interactive. The website is also devoted to spreading the life's message of Mahatma Gandhi to a wide section of the society through visual images, contents and related video footages also.



Shri Sankar Kumar Sanyal (C) hands over a booklet to Dr. Mahesh Sharma, as Shri Laxmi Dass (extreme R), Ms. Rajni Bakshi, Shri S.C. Barmma (second from L) and Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan (extreme L) join the ceremony.

The website will be regularly updated with news, views and activities of the GSDD and proposes to engage people's opinion as part of the celebrations to mark the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

Garnering ideas of change and change initiatives by the children and youth will be another feature of the website to create a platform of inviting children and youth to share what change they would like to see happening in the country.

Content creation and monitoring of content will be handled carefully so that misinformation or wrong information is not generated. With the help of this new website, an attempt will also be made to offer resources from experts on different concepts of Gandhian philosophy and Gandhian constructive work. The website will be operational and accessible to public viewing shortly.

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Interaction on Gandhian Philosophy for Hon'ble MLAs and MLCs of Bihar

Even after more than 60 years of the death of Mahatma Gandhi, his thoughts and philosophy has become more relevant today in a world exhausted by conflicts, inequalities and deprivations.



A very large number of people across the world face oppression, exploitation, poverty and violence of different kinds. In such a scenario, there is a great need for nonviolence, truth, selfless service for constructive work, ethics and purity of means to challenge the problems facing humankind and become the foundation of sustainable development and growth.

Developing understanding of the multi-dimensional thoughts and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi offers great opportunities to negotiate the challenges of modern day society and can contribute to not only to good governance but also to develop concrete welfare policies for the people.

Mahatma Gandhi's cosmocentric views of human beings wherein human is an integral part of the cosmos and are intricately tied to it offers solutions to many social concerns. As policy makers around the

Distinguished speakers at the interactive programme included:

1. Shri Vijay Kumar Chaudhary, Hon'ble Speaker of Bihar Legislative Assembly.
2. Prof. Ravindra Kumar, former V.C. IGNOU;
3. Prof. Pushpa Motiyani, former HOD Department of Gandhian Studies, Gujarat Vidyapeeth;
4. Shri Laxmi Dass, Vice President Harijan Sevak Sangh and
5. Shri Basant, former Advisor GSDD

country are trying their best to contribute to people's development and welfare, this cosmocentric view of human beings can be a panacea for citizens to think not only about their fellow beings but also the environment in which they live. Possibly we can achieve much more in our sustainable development goals if we integrate and imbibe the Gandhian praxis of humanism, the spirit of constructive work for community and nation building and overall the essence of mutual co-existence in all our initiatives. His nonviolent tools of satyagraha and sarvodaya are guiding posts for good governance.

To take forward the multi-dimensional thoughts and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi to Hon'ble MLAs and MLC's so that they can integrate these in their efforts in the development of the community and governance, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti has initiated Orientation and Interactive programmes for hon'ble law makers across the country. The aim is to identify how Gandhian philosophy can be used for formulation of policies and sustainable development of states.

As part of this initiative, the Samiti organized a one-day interaction for Hon'ble MLAs and MLCs of Bihar on February 11, 2019.

The Acting Chairman of Bihar Vidhan Parishad Mr Mohd Haroon Rashid talked how the 150th birth anniversary was being celebrated in the state and how large number of programmes was organized.

Delivering the key note address, Mr Laxmi Dass, Executive Committee member of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (GSDS) pointed out that by integrating Gandhian philosophy, we can work for a world without exploitation. Mr Dass talked at length on the Gandhian approach to conflict resolution and the role of Shanti Sena. He also informed the Hon'ble MLAs and MLCs on the initiatives of GSDS on nonviolent policing.



Hon'ble MLAs and MLCs of Bihar taking part in the interaction organised by the GSDS.



Senior resource persons pose for a group photograph with Hon'ble Shri Vijay Kumar Chaudhary, Speaker Bihar Legislative Assembly (second from L).

Prof Ravindra Kumar, former Vice Chancellor of Indira Gandhi National Open University talked on the essence of Gandhian principles in the context of modernity. He also talked about the Gandhian concept of trusteeship and bread labour.

Prof Puspa Motiyani, former head of the Department of Gandhian Studies, Gujarat Vidyapeeth talked about Gandhi's Nai Talim and how it was important to establish harmony through education. In the context of problems of climate change, Prof Motiyani felt that the Bapu's cosmocentric approach and his ideas of mutual coexistence will help face the problems of environmental degradation.

Mr Vijay Kumar Chaudhry, Speaker of Bihar Legislative Assembly spoke on the importance of the Champaran Satyagraha in the history of the freedom movement. He said Bihar will fully cooperate in the endeavour of GSDS to spread the life and message of Mahatma Gandhi.

The vote of thanks was delivered by Mr Kedarnath Pandey, MLC and stressed that Bihar was committed to work on Gandhian ideologies and would take these forward with all seriousness.



Ba-Bapu 150

Meeting to discuss celebration of Gandhi-150

A senior delegation of Gandhian scholars, academicians, social workers and others took part in a discussion on programmes and actions to be undertaken for the celebrations of the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on May 1, 2018 in Gandhi Darshan.

Participating in the discussion were Shri Bal Bhai, Shri Aditya Patnaik, Shri Basant ji, Prof. Manoj Kumar, Dr. B Mishra, Prof. Girishwar Mishra, Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Dr. T Karunakaran, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan and others.

The delegation also took part in a meeting chaired by the Hon'ble President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind and Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on May 2, 2018 at Rashtapati Bhawan.



Rev. Shri Bal Bhai (inset) addressing the gathering during the meeting of Gandhi 150 in Gandhi Darshan.

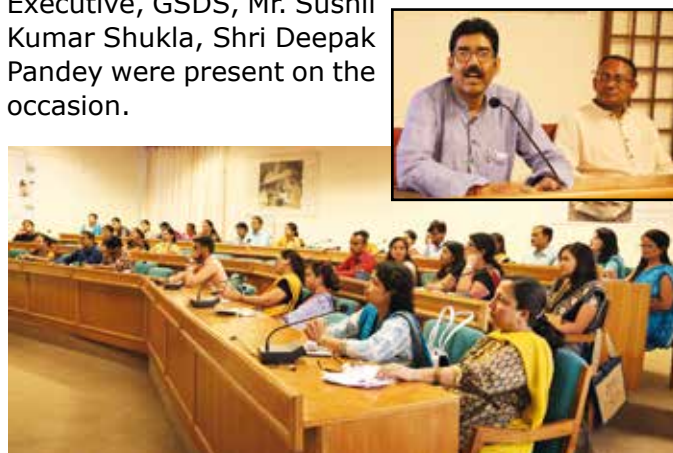
The President said that the Gandhi's birth anniversary commemoration has a worldwide meaning. "Let us elevate this to a global celebration, using platforms such as the United Nations and other multilateral organisations. The focus should not just be on events, but on tangible, actionable legacies that will make a difference to the lives of ordinary people - wherever they may be," he said.

Shri Narendra Modi called for the celebrations to move beyond government events and take the shape of a mass movement. He further suggested that the activities for commemorating Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary in 2019

be designed around the theme of "Karyanjali" or "Gandhi in Action".

Meeting with teachers on Gandhi-150

About 50 teachers from different schools in Delhi and NCR, took part in an interactive session with Director GSDS Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Director GSDS. Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu Programme Officer, Shri Rajdeep Pathak, Programme Executive, GSDS, Mr. Sushil Kumar Shukla, Shri Deepak Pandey were present on the occasion.



Director GSDS Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan (inset) addressing teachers of schools of Delhi and NCR in Gandhi Darshan.

Few points that emerged during the discussion included:

1. Padyatras and Cycle Rallies by involving Children's participation to the maximum
2. Painting Competitions, debate competitions between inter-school at national, zonal, level.
3. Create Whatsapp group for increasing connectivity
4. Show short movies on Mahatma Gandhi or on Non-Violence
5. Create open forum for discussions and debates
6. Students should be exposed to various social works and the Samiti could help them out in their SEVA project.
7. Schools could organise "Gandhi Katha" (on different aspects of Gandhiji's life) in schools by themselves.
8. Let the children themselves M. K Gandhi through such platforms.

National History Symposium: II on Gandhi@150 - Gandhi in Odisha organised

'The Intellects' in association with the Samiti, Harijan Sevak Sangh, Gandhi Peace Foundation, Gandhi Smarak Nidhi, Rashtriya Yuva Sanghathan, National Youth Project and Odisha Gandhivadi Forum organized a two-day National History Symposium celebrating Gandhi @ 150 in Gandhi Darshan from November 3-4, 2018 by inviting eminent Gandhians Scholars, historians, researchers, academicians, intellectuals, and students to discuss on topic 'Gandhi in Odisha'. The programme aimed at throwing light on an important phase of Indian freedom struggle. Indian Freedom struggle took a new dimension after maiden visit of Gandhiji to Odisha in 1921. Social, economical and cultural problems of Odisha changed the thought process of Mahatma Gandhi.



(Above):
Padmashri Dr.
S N Subba Rao
speaking at the
symposium
in Gandhi
Darshan.

(Below): Shri
Dipanker Shri
Gyan, Director
GSDS addresses
the gathering.

The two-day programme began with the inauguration of exhibition on Gandhi in Odisha by Dr. Bhagbanprakash (Chairman, Reception Committee). Following this, a short Quiz was held on the topic "Gandhi@150" about life, work, thought and activities of Gandhiji by quizmaster Sh. Omprakash Rath. It involved an active participation of students from different renowned public schools of Delhi NCR, University of Delhi and JNU. The winners were given prizes at end of the first day of the event.

Sh. A. V. Swamy (eminent Gandhian and Sarvodaya leader), Dr. S.N.Subba Rao (Eminent Gandhian and founder of National Youth Project), Dr. Dipanker Sri Gyan (Director, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti), Dr Arvind Kuamr Padhee (Country Director, CRISAT), Sh. Debendra Nath Rout (Chairman, The Intellects and convenor of Symposium) and Dr. Bhagbanprakash, Chair (Eminent Gandhian and Chairman Organizing Committee) were the distinguished guests on the occasion.



Hon'ble former Member of Parliament Shri A V Swamy addresses the gathering at the National Symposium in Gandhi Darshan.

Sh. A.V.Swamy former Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha shared his adventurous experience as a volunteer of Banara Sena during the Quit India Movement. He explained how he was influenced by Gandhiji and preferred to join social service in spite of being the first chemical engineer from soil of Odisha. He was fascinated by a large number of young Gandhian disciples during his young age.

Dr. S.N.Subba Rao talked on Gandhism and universal peace and its impact on mankind. He discussed how universalism was the sole of Gandhian Activism, whether it is India or South Africa every where he had shown his love towards

entire human race. He was creator of slogan 'Jai Jagat'. An all religion prayer was conducted by Dr. S N Subba Rao on the occasion.

Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan shared the importance of the programme and expected a wide spread impact of the National History Symposium on Gandhi @150 among youth across the country. He shared his experience as true disciple of Gandhiji among students and delegates.

He told Gandhiji was firm believer of creating history rather than reading history. Gandhiji believed that power inside of an individual could help him to achieve the goal of the life. He told, the entire country is recognizing him as philosopher. Gandhiji is known for political, administrative and social reformers. Upcoming Gandhians are more interested in political reforms, if Gandhiji is there, then social reform would found to be there. Being a true practitioner he advocated for practice of Gandhism in real life.

Different thematic sessions were held during the two-day seminar. Cultural presentations that comprised of Odissi dance by Shimran Zaman and team was another highlight of the two-day programme.

The valedictory programme was presided over by Shri A V Swamy. On this occasion, the "Gandhi Darshan Samman 2018" was awarded to Sh. Yogendra Ku Khuntia, eminent Gandhian Social Worker. The recipients of the Yuva Gandhi Samman 2018 were: Dr. Biswajit Ray, Sh. Gyanranjan Samantray, Sh. Aryabrat Mohanty and Shri Vishal Singh.

KAUSANI, UTTARAKHAND

Gandhi Vichar Yatra organised as part of Gandhi 150



The Samiti in association with Uttar Pradesh Gandhi Smarak Nidhi organised several programmes as part of the *Gandhi Vichar Yatra* in Kausani, Uttarakhand from November 17-18, 2018. Shri Lal Bahadur Rai of UP Gandhi Smarak Nidhi coordinated the programme. Almost 300 people took part in the two day programme at Anasakti Ashram (established by Mahatma Gandhi) as part of the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

On November 17, the team left from Kausani to Chanaud where they offered tributes at the martyr's memorial. An all religion prayer was organised on the occasion that was attended by over 300 people including women, school children, district workers and others.



Students receiving prizes and certificates for their participation in music and dance, essay & painting competitions.

Thereafter, a nine (09) kilometre march was organised from Chanaud to Anasakti Ashram at Kausani that was joined by almost 350 people to raise awareness on different issues such as sanitation, cleanliness, which were close to Mahatma Gandhi. Shri L. B Rai, Shri Shesh Mai malvi, Shri Krishna Singh Bisht, Shri Praveen Kr. Tamta, (Member of Parliament Rajya Sabha), Kanti Bahen (from Laxmi Sevashram Kausani), Prema Bahen and others also took part in a discussion on "Gandhi Vichar" on the occasion.

On November 18, the NCC students from the Rajkiya Inter-College Kausani hoisted the flag at the Anasakti Ashram. A session on the life's philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi and how the youth could be involved in various constructive works as part of the 150th celebrations was organised. Shri Man Singh Dhobal, Prema Bahen, Smt. Meenakshi Pandey, Jayanti Bahen and others who were present at the programme, interacted with the participating youth and students.

The occasion also saw the distribution of prizes for the painting, essay and music and dance competitions which was conducted earlier as part of the Gandhi Jayanti celebrations on October 2, 2018. Cultural presentations by children and local artists were other highlights of the concluding ceremony of the two-day programme.

A medical camp was organised in which doctors from Almora and Haldwani districts took part and attended to about 35-40 patients.

GUJARAT AHMEDABAD

Gandhi Vichar Yatra as part of Gandhi 150

The Samiti in association with Delhi Public Library organised the Gandhi Vichar Yatra in Gujarat from November 28-30, 2018. The yatra which was flagged off from Delhi on November 28 saw the participation of Dr. Ram Sharan Gaur, Chairman of the Delhi Library Board (DLM), who joined the yatra/journey along with other members of the DLB that included Dr. Malti, Dr. Mahesh Chand Sharma (former Mayor of MCD) and former MLS Shri Gauri Shankar Bharadwaj.

On November 28, the members reached a school in Gujarat Vidyapeeth where an interaction was held with about 100 students from the university. Thereafter the Gandhi March was flagged off from the Gujarat Vidyapeeth to Sabarmati Ashram. On the way, the yatri/marchers stopped at about eight to nine places (out of the 21 places) where Mahatma Gandhi had stopped for a night halt during the historic Salt Satyagraha of 1930. About 32 people took part in the march and created awareness on different social issues.

The marchers then reached Dandi and also visited the National Salt Satyagraha Memorial that is being constructed to recreate the spirit and the energy of the 1930 Dandi March led by Mahatma Gandhi and 80 of his fellow Satyagrahis.

A visit to the school was also organised where almost 350 children took part. The Sarpanch of the village, social worker Shri Dhirubhai and District Collectors along with CPWD officers who are undertaking the construction of the memorial also interacted with the yatri.

On November 30, the members of the Gandhi Vichar Yatra reached Gandhi Mandir at Dandi Kuti. A visit to Sabarmati Ashram was also organised. The members also visited Karadi/Kareli near Dandi where Mahatma Gandhi was arrested for violating Salt Law.

WEST BENGAL

Workshop on Gandhiji, Kasturba -150 Years

A workshop on "Gandhiji, Kasturba -150 Yrs" was successfully organised on November 30 to 1 December 2018, at Joteghanashyam, Daspur, Paschim Medinipur by GSDS in association with Gandhi Mission Trust West Bengal.



Workshop as part of 'Gandhiji, Kasturba -150 Years' in progress in West Bengal.

100 volunteers and participants from Ghatal Rabindra Satabarsiki Mahavidhyalaya, Joteghanashyam Teachers Training College, Gujar Kharai Palli Unnayan, Kolaghat, Purba Medinipur, Sarbik Gram Bikash Kendra, Paschim Medinipur, Kanaichak Ramkrishna Janakalyan, Purba Medinipur and different NGO's / local clubs, etc took part in the residential camp with the following objectives towards building awareness campaign with the public; educational campaigns with college & secondary schools; internship programmes.

The two-day workshop was inaugurated by Smt. Pratima Dolai of Savapati, Daspur-II Panchayat Samity along with the Chief Guest, Shri Chandan Pal, Secretary, Gandhi Peace Foundation. Sri Asish Hudait was the guest of honour on the occasion. Smt. Kaberi Manna, Pradhan, Joteghanashyam Gram Panchayat & other distinguished guests along with Shri Narayan Bhattacharjee, Secretary Gandhi Mission Trust were also present.

NOIDA, UTTAR PRADESH

Cultural Dance Festival as part of Gandhi 150 organised

The Samiti in association with Nav Sankalp Society organised a *Cultural Dance Festival* as part of the celebrations to mark the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on January 13,

2019. The chief guest on the occasion was Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Hon'ble Minister of State for Culture and Vice-Chairperson GSDS. The guest of honour was Shri Tejpal Nagar, MLA, from Dadri Uttar Pradesh. Shri Sanjay Nailwal, President Nav Sankalp Society who organised the programme was also present on the occasion.

100 performers mostly children drawn from different institutions performed on the occasion raising different awareness issues related to the life and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi. 500 other participants who were present on the occasion appreciated the enthusiastic children who performed.

30th National Road Safety Week 2019 as part of Gandhi 150 sees flagging off of Motorcar Rally covering 7250 kms

Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), Government of India in association with the GSDS organised the 30th National Road Safety Week 2019 during which the 'Suraksha Yatra' as part of the 150th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi



Smt. Sushma Swaraj, hon'ble Minister of External Affairs speaking at the inaugural programme of the 30th National Road Safety Week.



Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister of Road Transport and Highways also spoke on the occasion.



Shri Abhay Damle, Secretary MoRTG addressing the gathering.

was also flagged off by Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister for Road Transport and Highways along with Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Hon'ble External Affairs Minister, Government of India at a grand function in Gandhi Darshan on February 4, 2019. Also present on the occasion were Shri M L Mandaviya, Hon'ble MoS, MoRTH; Smt. Leena Nandan, Additional Secretary MoRTH; Shri Abhay Damle, Secretary, MoRTG. 96-year-old Shri V. Kalyanam, Personal Secretary to Mahatma Gandhi was also present on the occasion. Almost 500 people took part in the programme.



Students and mentors of East Point School lead the invocatory performance on the occasion.

The programme also saw the launch of Indian Automobile Industry's initiative to observe 2019 as the "Year of Road Safety"; third edition of "i-Safe", an inter college competition to strengthen road safety; "Video on Motor Vehicle Driving Regulation 2017"; Comic book on Road Safety for Children"; Road Accident Dash Board" and release of "Sanction letters to 135 NGOs" by the distinguished guests. "Retro Reflective Stickers" carrying the message of road safety – *Sadak Suraksha Jeevan Raksha* – were also launched on the occasion. Automobile manufacturers have assured that all new vehicles will henceforth come with these stickers.

The rally will travel through places historically associated with Gandhiji, both in India, as well as in Bangladesh and Myanmar, and will pass through Sabarmati, Porbandar, Dandi, Yerwada, Sewagram, Jabalpur, Lucknow, Gorakhpur, Chauri Chaura, Champaran, Shantiniketan and Kolkata in India before travelling to Dhaka in Bangladesh. It will conclude at Yangon in Myanmar on the 24th of February, covering a total distance of 7250 km. It will take up advocacy on Road Safety concerns along the route.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Gadkari said the objective of the rally is to spread Gandhiji's



(From L to R): Smt. Geeta Shukla, Research Officer GSDS felicitates Smt. Sushma Swaraj; Shri S A Jamal, Administrative Officer GSDS felicitates Shri Nitin Gadkari; also seen are participants taking part in the Motorcar Rally covering 7250 kms.

message of *Satya* and *Ahimsa* among people. He said Mahatma Gandhi's ideals are very relevant in today's times and are respected by people the world over. Shri Gadkari said that since Gandhiji is an inspiration for society, this rally on his 150th birth anniversary can have a big impact in creating awareness on the issues of road safety. The nearly 5 lakh road accidents in the country and the resulting huge loss of lives is a major cause for concern". The Minister also administered a Road Safety Pledge to the people on the occasion.

Smt Sushma Swaraj called upon road users to adopt Gandhiji's principles of Peace, Patience and Tolerance for improving road behaviour. She referred to the increasing cases of road-rage, and said that a large number of road accidents occur because people are not mentally at peace while driving, they are impatient and intolerant. She said, adopting Gandhiji's principles of patience, anger management, humaneness, humility, non-violence, etc can help in making people more peaceful, patient and tolerant, thereby preventing road accidents.

Children from East Point School Vasundhara Enclave led by their music teacher Shri Manoj presented welcome songs, songs of peace, Vaishnavaja Tau and Ram Dhun on the occasion.

BIHAR

Interaction on Gandhian Philosophy – A tribute to Ba-Bapu

As part of its efforts to promote discourses on different dimensions of Gandhian philosophy, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti organized an interactive session in Patna, Bihar on February 12, 2019 at Bihar Arthik Adhyan Sansthan, who was the local organiser.

Initiating the interactions, Prof Pushpa Motiyani, Retd Prof of Gujarat Vidyapeeth recalled how Mahatma Gandhi ensured engagement with all even his opponents. This approach of conflict resolution and reconciliation is critical in today's world. Gandhi believed in open dialogue and flexibility in all process of engagement.

According to Prof Motiyani, Gandhi always did self introspection before he took up any action. It is important that we talk to our self, she said. She lamented that people increasingly are no longer talking to themselves and this results in breakdown of relationship between the self, soul and the mind. She also delved on another important aspect of Gandhian philosophy. She said



(Above and Below): Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Shri Nitin Gadkari along with other senior officials of MoRTG flag off the Motor Car Rally as part of the 150 years of Mahatma Gandhi.



Senior Gandhian speakers at the programme on “Gandhian Philosophy, at Bihar Arthik Adhyan Sansthan.

he was adept at planning his action to the minutest details. This helped in consolidate his ideas and ensured their fructification. She observed that Gandhian philosophy should be considered as a way of life. She also spoke on the Gandhian approach to mutual coexistence. She underlined the 4 Rs which are needed to be imbibed as a habit in today's world: Rethink, Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

Shri Laxmi Dass, Executive Committee member of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti underlined the Gandhian approach to nonviolence and how his idea of nonviolence was for the brave and not for cowards. Gandhi's ahimsa was not for the fearful, but for the fearless, he added.

Shri Dass gave detailed perspective on Gandhian approach to conflict resolution and felt that these methods are relevant more than ever before in the backdrop of intolerance and conflicts around the world.



Former Advisor of GSDS, Shri Basant interacting with the children from Bihar Bal Bhawan, as Shri Viswas Gautam is all smiles.

Senior Gandhian and former advisor of GSDS, Shri Basant spoke on Gandhian constructive work. He pointed out that there was need to understand Gandhi holistically. He also spoke on Gandhian simplicity.

Shri R U Singh, retd IAS officer and Gandhian writer talked about Gandhian discipline and stressed how Gandhian philosophy were important guide posts for good governance. He shared snippets from his writings on Gandhi.

Mr Pyare Lal talked about Gandhian approach to basic education or nai talim. He felt Gandhian education philosophy had the right balance.

Gandhi Quiz with MyGov.in organised

To reawaken the spirit of Gandhism in all, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti organized the Gandhi Quiz from October 2, 2018 (from Gandhi Jayanti) to January 30, 2019 (Martyrdom Day of Mahatma Gandhi) in collaboration with MyGov.in. The significance of the quiz was to acclimatize citizens with the life, message and philosophy of the Father of the Nation. More than one lakh people across the country took part in this online quiz.

Final three winners in both English and Hindi Category were awarded with the Gandhian Literature along with the prize money of Rs.21, 000/-; Rs.15, 000/- and Rs.11, 000/- respectively. The names of the final three top winners were Vinayak, Shiva and Subhash in English version and Abhishek Rajendra Mokashi, Priyanshu Gurjar and Gopakumar in Hindi version. Weekly winners were also awarded with the Gandhian Literature.



Special Programmes

100 years of the commemoration the first imprisonment of M K Gandhi on Indian Soil

Shri Basant ji, former advisor GSDS along with Prof. Manoj from Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Vishwa Vidyalaya Wardha; Shri Kawal Singh Chauhan, Dr. Chandrasen Sharma, Shri Ashok Singh Chauhan, Shri Lokendra Kumar Sharma and Shri Viswas Gautam took part in a special programme to mark the 100 years of the commemoration of the first imprisonment of M K Gandhi on Indian soil. It was on April 10, 1919 Gandhiji was arrested at Palwal on his way to Amritsar and was taken back to Bombay where he was released on April 11, 1919.

Station Master Shri Lokendra Kumar Sharma who was present on the occasion along with other delegates offered their tributes.

Tributes to Jallianwala Bagh Martyrs as part of centenary celebrations

A special programme, as a tribute to mark the beginning of the centenary year of Jallianwala Bagh was organised at Gandhi Darshan on April 13, 2018. Eminent Gandhian and former Director National Gandhi Museum, Dr. Y P Anand was the guest speaker on the occasion. Dr. K D Prasad, Regional Director of IGNOU RC 2 also addressed the gathering.



An art depicting the horrific incident of the Jallianwala Bagh Massacre of 1919 in Amritsar on the day of Baishaki, the harvest festival.

Dr. Anand provided a historical insight into this cataclysmic event which shaped the course of India's freedom movement. It was this barbaric chapter of our history which made Gurudev return his Knighthood as a protest against the vicious act against innocent people. Jallianwala Bagh will always remain a beacon of inspiration in our eventful freedom struggle.

Dr. Prasad of IGNOU stressed upon the need for the present generation to learn about the details of this momentous event and imbibe the feeling of patriotism within.

Shri Laxmi Dass, Vice-President Harijan Sevak Sangh and a Gandhian thinker, Shri Basantji former Advisor GSDS and Gandhian thinker also shared their perspectives on the occasion. Among others were present Smt. Shashwati Jhalani, former Librarian GSDS and staff members of GSDS.

Nelson Mandela: An Icon of Peace and Courage for the entire Humanity – Prof. N. Radhakrishnan

The Samiti paid rich tributes to the icon of peace and non-violence Shri Nelson Mandela on his 100th birth anniversary on July 18, 2018 in Gandhi Darshan. Prof. N Radhakrishnan, eminent Gandhian and former Director GSDS was the key speaker on the occasion. About 70 people took part in the programme.



Prof. N Radhakrishnan, former Director GSDS (second from L) listens to Shri S A Jamal, Administrative Officer GSDS (R) as Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer GSDS and Smt. Geeta Shukla, Research Officer GSDS are all ears.

Remembering Madiba as Nelson Mandela (1918-2018), Prof. Radhakrishnan said that the year 2018 marks the centenary of the birth of this messiah of peace. He said that 2018-19 provides

Prof. N Radhakrishnan, former Director GSDS address the participants on the vision of Nelson Mandela during the interaction in Gandhi Darshan to mark the birth centenary celebrations of Madiba.



a unique opportunity for people around the world to reflect on his life and times and promote his legacy.

Speaking about the legacy of Nelson Mandela, Prof. Radhakrishnan said that Madiba was an ardent follower of Mahatma Gandhi, but not initially. Calling him an "Exceptional peaceful revolutionary", who was not deterred by the 25 years of life under imprisonment, Prof. Radhakrishnan said that Madiba's life created an impact both locally and globally, for he belongs to the whole world. "We are saluting one of the most outstanding revolutionaries and patriots of the world today".

Shri S A Jamal, Administrative Officer and Smt. Geeta Shukla, Research Officer, GSDS recollected their moments when they spent time with Nelson Mandela when he came to India and then Gandhi Smriti after his release from prison.

Sharing her sentiments, Smt. Geeta Shukla said, "Madiba first visited India in 1990 when he was released from jail after more than 25 years for leading the antiapartheid movement in South Africa. India was his first destination abroad after spending those years in jail. Mandela was conferred the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian honour, in this year".

Shri S A Jamal said that he visited Gandhi Smriti thrice and spent few moments all alone in Mahatma Gandhi's room.

Earlier Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu welcomed the gathering and updated them about the life and

philosophy of Nelson Mandela and how Mahatma Gandhi's life's philosophy inspired him.

Ms. Tania Arora an intern at Gandhi Smriti and studying at the Nelson Mandela Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies at Jamia Milia Islamia briefed the gathering about her academic course and also reflected on the address of the former President of United States of America, Mr. Barack Obama while delivering the 2018 "Nelson Mandela Annual Lecture".



Ms. Tania Arora speaks about Madiba to the gathering during the interactive session.

Known and loved around the world for his commitment to peace, negotiation and reconciliation, Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela was South Africa's first democratically elected president (1994 to 1999). An anti-apartheid revolutionary and political leader and a philanthropist with an abiding love for children Nelson Mandela was born into the Xhosa royal family on 18 July 1918 and died on 5 December 2013.

Nelson Mandela's eternal concept of 'Truth' and 'Love' reiterated

To mark the 100th birth anniversary of Shri Nelson Mandela, a lecture on "Nelson Mandela in the Footsteps of Gandhi: Centenary Tributes" was jointly organized by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (GSDS) and Zakir Husain Delhi College within the premises of later on July 27, 2018.

Prof. N. Radhakrishnan, Chairman, Indian Council of Gandhian Studies including two other eminent speakers namely Dr. Uma Shankar, Dean Political Science Department and Dr. Ramesh Mishra (Faculty Member, Shyamlal college). The session was coordinated by Dr. Sanjeev Kumar (Faculty Member, Zakir Husain Delhi College) and Ms. Tripta (Faculty Member, Zakir Husain Delhi College) whilst attended by almost 70 students.

The session began with the students presenting an insight to the life of Shri Nelson Mandela. Ms. Tanya Arora gave a presentation on "A brief Introduction on the life of Madiba". Whereas, Ms. Alia and Ms. Deepshikha recited poems titled: "A Confession" and "A Positive Power" penned down by Ms Syeda Rumana Mehdi.



(Above): Prof. N Radhakrishnan, addresses the gathering at Zakir Hussain College.

(Below): Students share their perspectives during the lecture about the vision of Nelson Mandela.

Mr. Harshit threw light on the moral dimension behind the journey of Mahatma and Madiba and Ms. Madiha Akhter talked about the constraints of Peace and Ms. Khushboo described that how Nelson Mandela become the first black man in white man's coat.

Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu (Programme Officer, GSDS) outlined the essence of Madiba's life and asked the participating to self-introspect while walking through the footsteps of Shri Nelson Mandela. He also stressed that whatever students would learn from the lecture they should carry those teachings in such a way that they can practice in their own lives.

The keynote address was delivered by Prof. N. Radhakrishnan. Calling Nelson Mandela as the greatest revolutionary of the 21st Century, he said that in Madiba, the upliftment of self-

consciousness developed, while living in struggling conditions of Prison, where he understood the significance of 'Love'. He further gave reference to the Autobiography of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru i.e. Discovery of India where he had written that *Wonder of Life lies in the wonder of being together.*

While remembering Nelson Mandela's visit to Gandhi Smriti after his release from imprisonment, Prof. Radhakrishnan informed that July 18 is being declared as the Nelson Mandela Day by the United Nations and congratulated all that we are the first to commemorate the anniversary.

An insight to the TRC concept which is *Truth and Reconciliation Commission* was also provided by him, which was a court-like restorative justice body assembled in South Africa after the end of apartheid and added that as per their method of 'justice' three thoughts should be taken into consideration before pronouncing the verdict. These are: *Wrong to be punished; with awareness to be God's Child; Power to Forgive.*

Dr. Uma Shankar, who has done research on conflicts in Afghanistan stressed that we need to find out a Global Universal Message based on how to look at conflict and how we should strive to frame an understanding to resolve it. He focused on some crucial issues such as domination of capitalist class and sedition of power, centralization and militarization, methods of non-violence, need to empower human beings internally, requirements to enrich internal capability of compassion, tolerance and truth.

Further Dr. Ramesh (Faculty member, Shyamlal College) began his lecture by comparing the two legends i.e. Mahatma Gandhi and Nelson Mandela with the motive to gain best out of their direction. He said that Gandhi never received/accepted any award, but Mandela did. Further he asked to build Mandela Chairs in the footsteps of current Gandhian Chairs.

Interactive sessions were organized. Ms Alia, Mr. Shadab, Mr. Kalam and others took part. The lecture concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Ms. Tripta, faculty member, Zakir Husain Delhi College.

76th Anniversary of Quit India Movement observed

Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Administrative Officer Shri S A Jamal, Programme Officer Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Chairman Confederation of Community Based Organisations in India (CCBOs) along with about

100 people including staff of GSDS, friends from the media fraternity, Gandhian workers marched towards Rajghat at the Mahatma Gandhi Samadhi to offer their tributes to Mahatma Gandhi as part of the commemoration of the 76th anniversary of the historic Quit India Movement of 1942. The programme was organised on August 9, 2018.



Director GSDS Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan offer his tributes at Mahatma Gandhi Samadhi at Rajghat to mark the 76th anniversary of the historic Quit India Movement.

In the year 2017, on the 75th anniversary of the historic Quit India Movement, Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi had said that movements such as Quit India are a source of inspiration and that the current generation must pass on the legacy of such crusades to those who come after them. He also laid down the six key aims — the elimination of corruption, ensuring the poor get their rights, youth self-employment, an end to malnutrition, empowering women and ending illiteracy, which he termed as challenges that India needs to overcome.

The 76th celebration of the Quit India Movement reaffirmed the same trust and challenge that the Prime Minister laid down and resolved to work for the welfare of humankind.

Young artist display their creative prowess: Paint 30x30 feet Mahatma Gandhi and Champaran Satyagraha in record span of 10 hours

The Samiti in collaboration with ArtCozy Fine Art Solutions organised an event in the pursuit of setting the "Limca Book of Record" for the 'Longest Live Marathon Painting of 30*30 ft of Mahatma Gandhi as part of the 76th Anniversary of the Quit India Movement and the 100 years of the Champaran Satyagraha' on August 9, 2018 at Gandhi Darshan.

The 25-member team from ArtCozy begun their work in the morning from 8.30 A.M. and continued till 6.30 P.M. by painting in Acrylic a 30x30 feet portrait of the evolving of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi to Mahatma Gandhi depicting the historic Champaran Satyagraha of 1917. It may be recalled that the Samiti and the Government of India organized several programmes as part of the centenary celebrations of the Champaran Satyagraha in Delhi and different parts of country, especially Champaran in Bihar.



Artists from ArtCozy Fine Art Solutions paint a 30x30 feet Mahatma Gandhi and Champaran Satyagraha in Gandhi Darshan.

"Since art is an essential medium of communication which expresses feelings and emotions, this event, besides aiming to create the Limca Book of Records, will also help in taking the spirit of Nationalism across different strata of society", said Kumar Amlendu of ArtCozy.

Later on August 10, a felicitation ceremony was organized by the team of ArtCozy Fine Art Solutions at Gandhi Darshan that was graced by Shri Basant ji, former advisor to GSDS, Dr. B Mishra, former General Secretary, AVARD, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Director, GSDS and Shri S A Jamal, Administrative Officer, GSDS.



Artists from ArtCozy Fine Art Solutions being felicitated by Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Shri Basant, former Advisor GSDS, Shri B. Mishra from CAPART and Shri S A Jamal, Administrative Officer, GSDS.

On this occasion, certificates were awarded to the team members, which included Kumar Amlendu, Ms. Shalu Verma, Ms. Nidhi Khayali, Shri Anil Pandhrinath Joshi, Shri Dharmendra Sharma, Ms. Babita Raj and Ms. Shalini Kashyap.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Basant ji appreciated the efforts of the artists and their commitment towards accomplishing a unique feat. He felt that the artists must go to different parts of the country and involve artists from those places to work on different concepts of Mahatma Gandhi's life. He said, "From Sau Kadam to Sau Kadam for 150 years of the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the journey should be taken with great commitment".

Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan while sharing his inputs said that "This has been proved that GSDS has made a record for itself".

He further appealed: "We have 24 months programme for Gandhi 150 and we need to develop a series of 24 paintings". He further invited the artists to the Gandhi Parv from October 3-9, 2018 at India Gate and hoped that the artists would also work on the lesser known freedom fighters.

On this occasion, Shivangi recited a beautiful poem on the journey of Champaran Satyagraha, Pawan Deep Thakur performed a medley of patriotic songs and Shivani Kaushik also presented a poem.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks.

Project organic farming initiated in Gandhi Darshan

The Samiti in association with BARGAD (an organization working on Healthcare, Youth & Women Empowerment, Swacchagraha, Gram Swaraj through Skill India) has initiated a project on organic farming through composting in Gandhi Darshan during September-October 2018 as part of the Skill Development Program of the GSDS.



Demonstration of organic farming to the children of Siddhagiri Gurukul Foundation, Kaneri Math, Maharashtra in progress in Gandhi Darshan.

Shri Hardayal Kushwaha of Bargad along with his team are providing training to the horticulture staff of the GSDS including others in the process of organic farming by making 'best out of waste', during which the participants are taken to the different phases of the project, of collecting the waste, grass, dry leaves, and developing a model for the composting.

"Approximately 100 people could get employment, through this project. Twenty people will get employed for composting; thirty people for organic farming; twenty people for packaging & thirty for selling the organic manure. BARGAD will also set up 'Small Scale Zero' cost Biogas plant, to produce biogas & slurry, said Shri Hardayal Kushwaha

Talk on Contemporary Discourse in Global Nonviolent Action

"There's Light There": Prof. Matt Meyer

The Samiti as part of the 150 Years of Mahatma Gandhi organised a talk on "Contemporary Discourse in Global Nonviolent Action" in Gandhi Smriti on December 6, 2018. The talk was delivered by Prof. Matt Meyer, international scholar in peace research. Dr. Vidya Jain retired professor from Gandhi Study Circle Jaipur University also spoke on the occasion.

Excerpts from the talk are as under:

At a time when dialogue and constructive debate too often are substituted for diatribes and competitiveness, when the world cries out for a unified vision and action bringing us to greater peace with justice, and too often even progressive forces remain silent - either because of fear, or honest confusion about how to face this historic moment, or worse. We aren't here today with definitive answers regarding how to build a better tomorrow, but we do think some fundamental guideposts, some frameworks for questioning, might help us all construct and rebuild the kinds of consciousness and movements which will open up spaces for greater resistance and reconciliation.

And I believe that one guidepost, not just because we are here but especially because we are here, is Gandhiji.

But Gandhi, like King and Mandela and so many others, has been made into a myth, sometimes beyond recognition of what he actually said and did, sometimes crafted by his detractors in life. So first, if we are to talk of nonviolent action, let us rescue Gandhi and understand him not as a myth, not even as Mahatma, but rather as a fallible man, yet one who consistently took risks in mobilizing for freedom and justice.



(Above): Prof. Matt Meyer, international scholar in peace research addresses the gathering (below) in Gandhi Smriti, as Dr. Vidya Jain (on the dais) is all ears.

He also threw light on different contemporary what he called, "Small Lights" of the world such as Mozambique; Bujambura, Burundi; Freetown, Sierra, Western Sahara and other parts of the world.

He further said:

There is a light among the youth of Mozambique. Child soldiers, Graca Machel, understanding the ramifications of the glorification of armed struggle, and a new generation making art out of mortar shells, critical of their flag...

There is a light in Bujambura, Burundi, in a weekly film club...

There is a light in Freetown, Sierra Leone in the playing fields of a Football club...

There is a light in the refugee camps of the people of Western Sahara, with so little in the way of material possessions, but with something so lacking in my own society, back in the USA - even in NYC: they have a sense of hope. It is a hope based on a new evaluation, and some key steps taken along that line. The evaluation...the steps...

As I end my talk today...with a light I saw in the library of the director of the major strategic center for the Zapatistas and the indigenous peoples of Chiapas. On one of the shelves, as might be expected, was a doll bearing the likeness of Che Guevara, the Latin American revolution famous in part for his guerilla activities and in part for saying that, in truth, every great revolutionary is motivated entirely by love.

On that shelf in that library in the state of Chiapas in Southern Mexico, that Che doll was positioned to be holding the hands of another. With bald head and loin-cloth, Che Guevara was holding hands with Mohandas Gandhi.

We must build a robust and revolutionary nonviolence, wholly relevant to the needs of the 21st century. And in doing so, we must take the advice which Narayan Desai was fond of reminding us in the last years of his life:

While speaking about India, he said: Indeed, India has so much it has given and continues to give the world - especially when we look at global nonviolent action.

When Gandhiji formulated the concept of Satyagraha, he didn't just mean it to be a soul-force, a spiritual technique. Satyagraha is not just to be a truth-force, confronting political realities with a vision of how things should be in a justice-filled framework. Gandhiji's Satyagraha, Narayanbhai asserted, was also a LOVE-force, transforming through our personal, political, and spiritual commitments and practice how we could live together in peace.

Let us love one another; let us love the world; let us dialogue and debate and take action. Only together can we make things get better.



UNDER THE SHADOW OF THE MAHATHA: Prof. Matt Meyer in Central Hall in Gandhi Smriti during the lecture.

The day also saw the release of the book "Connecting Contemporary African-Asian Peacemaking and Nonviolence: From Satyagraha to Ujamaa" authored by Prof. Matt Meyer and Dr. Vidya Jain by Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Shri Basant ji, Dr. Ramesh Bharadwaj, Director Gandhi Bhawan, New Delhi.

Interactions with participants that included academicians, professors, writers, teachers from different schools were also held on the occasion. Present on the occasion were Shri Satyapal, Shri Rajiv Bohra, Dr. Pinki Kumari, Ms. Shweta Rashmi, Dr. Sita Ojha, Smt. Shashwati Jhalani, Shri Sanjeev Chawan (Gandhi Bhawan), Dr. Umesh Chandra Gaur, Shri Kanwal Singh Chauhan, Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Dr. Anjali Thapliyal Kaul and Shri Rajesh Kaul. Ms. Geetika Jha.

Earlier children from Sun Valley International School, Vasundhara, led by Ms. Mridula Kaushik rendered the favourite bhajans of Mahatma Gandhi and also Saraswati Vandana during the invocation.

Rich tributes were also paid to the Chairperson of Gandhi Peace Foundation, Mrs. Aparna Basu, who passed away on December 3, 2018 in New Delhi.

Thoughts on Gandhi through Colours – A Tribute

The Samiti in association with Pt Sansarchand Baru Memorial Charitable Trust paid a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi through colours based on his thoughts as part of the celebrations to mark the 150 years of Mahatma Gandhi. The two-day programme in Gandhi Darshan from January 16-17, 2019 saw about 10 professional artist paint their impression on different aspects of Mahatma Gandhi and his eternal thoughts on canvas. Ms. Anuradha Rishi, Artist and President of Pt Sansarchand Baru Memorial Charitable Trust coordinated the programme.



VARANASI, UTTAR PRADESH

Promoting Rural Industry – From Local to Global at 15th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas

In reverence to the sentiments of the larger diaspora community to participate in Kumbh Mela and Republic Day celebrations, the 15th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention was organized from 21 to 23 January 2019 at Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the 15th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas convention in his parliamentary constituency of Varanasi.

This year, GSDS in association with Beti and Siksha (B&S) Foundation organised "She The Change- Nari Udyami Award" to celebrate womanhood. The occasion saw the felicitation of 28 Indian Diaspora women from different parts of the world, which were selected by our esteemed Jury. Women business meets; trade fair and cultural programme, etc. formed part of the programme from January 21-23, 2019.

On January 21, "Role of Women Diaspora in making New Indian" was discussed at the inaugural ceremony. "Timli Dance" by Gujrati Tribal, which showcased India's Tribal culture and tradition, was another highlight of the programme.

The exhibition "Hamari Sanskriti Hamari Sabhyata" was inaugurated by Honble Member of Parliament and National Spokesperson of BJP Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi on January 21st 2019 at Varanasi.

The first session – on the 'Relevance of Mahatma Gandhi in Today's Time', saw the following speakers: Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi (Member of Parliament): Smt. Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee (Granddaughter of Mahatma Gandhi and former

VC GSDS); Shri Shyam Prandeji (Secretary Sewa International); Dr. Kiran C Patel (Philanthropist and founder of the 'Foundation of Global Understanding'); Mrs. Renu Sharma (President B&S Foundation); and Smt. Geeta Shukla (Research Officer Gandhi Smriti Darshan Samiti). The focus was on Non-violence, Swachh Bharat, EVT toilets, women entrepreneurs and village industry and importance of hand holding for women of India and diaspora.



An exhibition on "A Journey of Khadi" and "Yoga and Ayurveda" was displayed at the P.B.D. by GSDS.

Various other sessions on "Education and Skill Development"; "NRI Investment- India, The Land of Opportunity"; "Health and Wellness with a focus on woman hygiene; Spiritual Session on "Relevance of Kumbh Snan (bathing)" saw a wide range of speakers from India and abroad share their perspectives.

An exhibition-cum-live demonstration of "A Journey of Khadi" and "Yoga and Ayurveda" by the GSDS was another attraction of the PBD. Smt. Geeta Shukla, Research Officer GSDS and Dr. Manju Rani Aggarwal, Resource Person Naturopathy and Alternative Medicine along with other GSDS staff were present on the occasion.



(Second from L) Smt. Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee, grand daughter of Mahatma Gandhi and former V.C. GSDS interacts with the participants at the 15th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas organised in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.

100 Years of Champaran Satyagraha

CHAMPARAN SATYAGRAHA: 100 YEARS – MAJOR ACTIVITIES

The Samiti had initiated several activities in Champaran as part of the centenary celebrations beginning with a series of programmes in April 2017 which was graced by Union Agriculture Minister Shri Radha Mohan Singh; the former vice-chairperson of GSDS and granddaughter of Mahatma Gandhi, Smt. Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee, senior Gandhians, academicians, social activists and grassroots workers from April 10-18, 2017 in Motihari.

That was the beginning of the commemoration of the centenary celebrations of the first *satyagraha* that Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi undertook in the historic land of Champaran in the year 1917, his first victorious non-violent campaign.

In continuation of the commemoration celebration, the Samiti, while marking the finale of the commemorative celebrations of the Champaran Satyagraha, organised a series of programmes in Motihari, Champaran from April 5 to April 17, 2018 onwards. Motihari was the place where Mahatma Gandhi had reached on April 10, 1917.

In view of this, Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan led the staff of GSDS in Motihari for initiation of several projects. The staff included: Smt. Geeta Shukla, Research Officer; Shri Rajdeep Pathak, Programme Executive; Shri Praveen Dutt Sharma, Editor, Publications; Shri Pankaj Chaubey, Assistant Editor, Publications; Shri Narendra Kumar, Asst Estate Manager, Shri Mahendra Singh Rawat, Shri Yatendra, Singh, Shri Rakesh Sharma, Shri Dharamraj Kumar, Shri Dharampal, Shri Arvind Yadav, Shri Manish Kumar, Shri Deepak Kumar Pandey.

The broad initiatives that were taken in Champaran are as under:

➤ Initiation of Sanitation Clubs in Schools in Champaran

In pursuance of the Swachh Bharat Initiative, the Samiti in collaboration with Sulabh Social Service Organisation established Sanitation Clubs in various schools in Champaran. A series of workshops were conducted on health and sanitation in these schools.

One major initiative was the setting up of the **Sanitary Napkin Vending Machine and Incinerators** (destroyer), in schools and railway station, Motihari to begin with. This was a tribute to the spirit of Ba (Kasturba Gandhi) who had always worked on feminine health issues side by side with Gandhiji who time and again expressed his concern about the health of the mothers and raised issues on sanitation in his different campaigns.

This effort by the Samiti was also in view of the clarion call given by the hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi on April 10, 2017 when he launched "*Swachhagraha*". The Prime Minister also underlined the importance of '*karyanjali*' or action.

The Samiti, therefore, undertook several activities towards sensitisation campaigns for the young and adolescent girls, and women in maintaining their menstrual hygiene.



(Above): Group exercise and (Below): group presentations as part of the awareness campaign in Champaran Zila School.

Speaking about this initiative of the Samiti, Director GSDS Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan says: "The 'School Sanitation Programme' will be aimed at promoting life skills-based hygiene education which can help to create effective education and hygienic schools by giving children not only knowledge but also attitudes and skills for coping with life".

As part of the programme, several initiatives were taken such as workshops, setting up of sanitary napkin vending machines and incinerators, etc.

• **Workshop on Health and Hand Hygiene**

On **April 7, 2018**, at the Zila School Motihari, the Samiti took part in a workshop with teachers from different schools in the town sharing their experiences on health and hygiene. Trainers from Sulabh Sanitation Clubs led by Mr. Rupak and Ms. Samiksha; from GSDS, Dr. Manju Rani Aggarwal, Shri Rajdeep Pathak shared their thoughts about health and sanitation and its importance. Group exercises and games formed an integral part of the workshop where the staff of GSDS also actively participated.



Dr. Manju Aggarwal is seen demonstrating the essential features of hand washing techniques to the participants during the workshop in Zila School, Champaran.

Dr. Manju Aggarwal while speaking on the benefits of hand washing also demonstrated the hand washing techniques. It was time and again reiterated that water should be conserved and that minimum water should be used while washing hands.

As part of the setting up of the Sanitation Clubs, two students from six schools were chosen as 'Student Leaders' who were being trained to take up the awareness campaigns in other institutions in Motihari and other nearby places. These

schools included: Sir Thomas Edison Public High School; Modern Public School; Kendriya Vidyalaya, Motihari; MJK (+2) Inter-College Vidyalaya; RUM School, Jakhara Colony and S J S Shantiniketan Jubilee School, Motihari.

Teachers from M S Memorial Public School, Balganga; Sir Thomas Edison Public High School; Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Peeprakothi and others also took part.

Group presentations from various groups generated new ideas where participation of the management, teachers, students and parents was viewed as an integral part of making this whole campaign successful. The groups that presented their viewpoints included: *Gandhi Swachchatta Team; Swachhangan; Swatantra Bharat Swachchatta Party, Swachh Vidyalaya Samaj Party.*

It was further decided to initiate door-to-door campaign, encourage young students to recycle waste and to place dustbins in schools.

The organisers – GSDS and Sulabh International – felt that one could develop "Gandhi Mitras" and "Sulabh Mitras" to generate maximum awareness and take the project at a large scale. The workshop at Zila School concluded with Shri Rajdeep Pathak giving an introduction of the GSDS and its activities and interaction with the teachers.

Earlier during the day, Dr. Manju Aggarwal demonstrated the use of the Sanitary Napkin Vending Machine and Destroyer to the female students and teachers of the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya at Peeprakothi where the Vending machine and Incinerator was set up.



Dr. Manju Aggarwal demonstrates the use of sanitary pads to the students of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya in Peeprakothi, Champaran.

Sharing his observations about the whole idea of sanitation clubs and workshops and health and hygiene, Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, while speaking to media persons in Motihari said: "Developing good hygiene habits should start as early as when a child can independently hold a hairbrush and start brushing her/his teeth. It is important to teach a child the importance of good health through routine hygiene such as washing one's hands before each meal, washing one's hands following use of the bathroom, brushing one's teeth at least twice a day, washing one's face every morning and taking bath every day. All these lead to development of healthy habits."

He further added, Promotion of personal hygiene and environmental sanitation in schools helps children to adopt good habits during their formative childhood. Mostly whatever children learn in school they can and often do pass on in their families and communities".

• **Sanitary Napkin Production Unit inaugurated at Kasturba Balika Vidyalaya, Peeprakothi – April 9, 2018**

On **April 9, 2018**, Mr. Iftexhar Ahmado, District Education Officer, Motihari; Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Director GSDS; Mr. Roopak Roy Choudhury, National Coordinator Sulabh School Sanitation Clubs; Mr. Shekhar Kumar Sinha, Mr. Rajkumar Sharma, DPO Sarva Shiksha Abhiyaan (SSA); Headmistress of the Vidyalaya, Ms. Neeta Sharma; Smt. Sameeksha, Smt. Geeta Shukla, GSDS staff joined at a function to inaugurate the "Sanitary Napkin Production Unit" at Kasturba Balika Vidyalaya, Peeprakothi.



(In the Pictures:) Director GSDS inaugurates the Sanitary Napkin Production Unit at Kasturba Balika Vidyalaya, Peeprakothi along with officials of the GSDS and the officers of the Bihar Government.

The low cost sanitary napkin production unit is also an endeavour of the Samiti in association with Sulabh International to address issues of menstrual health and hygiene. Girl students studying at the vidyalaya will be trained in production of the sanitary napkins.

Smt. Geeta Shukla, Research Officer, GSDS said, "To give boost to the crucial issue of menstrual hygiene, this programme has been launched and a production centre has been established. This will also give a boost to the women in the area who could get access to low cost sanitary napkins and will not depend on the traditional systems".

Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, said that the production unit will in time cater to supplying sanitary napkins to the different places where easy napkin vending machines have been set up. This will also provide skill to the girls and make them empowered. "Life-skills based hygiene education helps children to change behaviour and so reduce risks and prevent water and sanitation related diseases", he emphasised.

Shri Roopak Roy Choudhury further said that sensitization of adolescent girls and women of the area is a necessity and therefore there is a need to run advocacy programmes for the adolescent girls in the schools too.

From April 10-14, 2018, the Samiti engaged itself in its preparation for the work at the Zila School, Motihari Railway Station, Charkha Park, Kasturba Balika Vidyalaya, Peeprakothi, Rajkiya Madhya Vidyalaya, Chandrhaya for developing its interpretation centres, coordination and engaging with the media for awareness generation.

➤ **Inauguration of Interpretation Centres, Plaques and Charkha Chowk by Hon'ble Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Union Agriculture Minister**

▪ **Interpretation Centre at Zila School, Motihari inaugurated on April 15, 2018**

Hon'ble Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Union Agriculture Minister inaugurated the Mahatma Gandhi Interpretation Centre at the Zila School Motihari on April 15, 2018 at a grand event that also saw participation of a large number of farmers from across the state of Bihar at the "Kisan Mela" organised from April 14-16, 2018. Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan accompanied the hon'ble minister at the launch ceremony. Over 500 people took part in the programme.

Present on the occasion were Shri Pramod Kumar, hon'ble Tourism Minister Bihar Government; Shri Babloo Gupta, Member Legislative Council, Bihar Government; Shri Braj Kishore Singh, Secretary of Gandhi Sanghralaya, Motihari, Shri Chandrabhushan Pandey, eminent Gandhian and journalist, and other distinguished members.



(Above): Hon'ble Union Agriculture Minister Shri Radha Mohan Singh inaugurates the Interpretation Centre at Zila School, Motihari (below) along with Shri Pramod Kumar, hon'ble Tourism Minister of Bihar.

The occasion also saw the release of the book "Champaran Ki Dastaan" authored by Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan and Shri Pankaj Chaubey by Shri Radha Mohan Singh.



(Second from R): Hon'ble Union Agriculture Minister, Shri Radha Mohan Singh releases the book "Champaran Ki Dastaan" authored by Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan and Shri Pankaj Chaubey at a special function in the Zila School to commemorate 100 years of Champaran Satyagraha.

The Interpretation Centre at Zila School contains the history of the Champaran Satyagraha with a vivid photographic exhibition about the associates of Mahatma Gandhi in Champaran in 1917 such as Babu Rajendra Prasad, Ramnavami Prasad, Rajkumar Shukla, Pir Munis, Babu Brajkishore Prasad, Acharya Kriplani, Dr. Anurag Naryan Sinha and others and the key role they played.

About 1000 youth from the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan and from different colleges in Motihari took part in a yatra led by Shri Radha Mohan Singh from the Zila School to Bapu Dham Motihari Railway Station.

Veteran freedom fighters and family members of the freedom fighters who had passed away were felicitated on the occasion.

▪ **Bapu Dham Railway Station, Motihari – April 15, 2018**

Hon'ble Shri Radha Mohan Singh unveiled the plaques (statue) of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi and his wife Kasturbai at the Bapu Dham Railway Station, Motihari on April 15, 2018. The statue of Mahatma Gandhi (in the traditional Kathiawari dress which he wore at the time of his arrival to Champaran) has been placed by the GSDS at the Railway Station. The hon'ble minister also unveiled a dummy train (tableau) with the statute of Mahatma Gandhi depicting his arrival at the Bapu Dham Railway Station Motihari on April 10, 1917.



(Above): Hon'ble Union Agriculture Minister Shri Radha Mohan Singh unveils the statue of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi and his wife Kasturbai at Bapu Dham Railway Station in Motihari. Shri Pramod Kumar, hon'ble Tourism Minister of Bihar and other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

Present on the occasion were: Shri Pramod Kumar, Tourism Minister, Bihar Government; Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), Motihari, Shri Arun Jain, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, members of the Legislative Council, and a host of other dignitaries,

Shri Radha Mohan Singh also inaugurated the Mahatma Gandhi Interpretation Centre at the Bapu Dham Railway Station. The Interpretation centre has been so designed that it houses the history of the Champaran Satyagraha through an exhaustive photo-text exhibition containing forty eight panes, each panel of 10/5 size.



The Interpretation Centre containing 48 panels on the history of the Champaran Satyagraha (Above) as well as 20 photographic panels - Mobile Exhibition - on "Satyagraha Se Swachhagraha" at the Bapu Dham Railway Station Motihari was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Union Agriculture Minister, Shri Radha Mohan Singh at a grand function on April 15, 2018. The exhibition has been designed by Smt. Geeta Shukla, Research Officer GSDS.

Designed and developed by the GSDS – under the supervision of Smt. Geeta Shukla – and installed at the railway station, this exhibition is an eye opener for any visitor who visits the station. Any visitor arriving, departing, or even waiting at this railway station is bound to get a glimpse of the history of 100 years, when Gandhiji had arrived in Champaran to fight for the farmers' rights.

Further, the hon'ble minister also visited the "Mobile Exhibition" developed by the GSDS on 'Swachhatta' containing twenty (20) photographic panels with text underlying the essence of cleanliness and the dream of the hon'ble Prime Minister for a 'Clean India'.

The day also saw the inauguration of the "Sanitary Napkin Vending Machine and Incinerator" by Shri Radha Mohan Singh at the female toilet of the Bapu Dham Railway Station. The vending machine will cater to the needs of the female passengers at the railway station.



Hon'ble Union Agriculture Minister, Shri Radha Mohan Singh inaugurates the Sanitary Napkin Vending Machine and Incinerator at the Bapu Dham Railway Station. Seen with the hon'ble Minister is Shri Pramod Kumar, hon'ble Tourism Minister Bihar and DRM Bapu Dham Railway Station, Shri Arun Jain and a host of other dignitaries.

Shri Lal Babu Rai, the DRM Bapu Dham Railway Station, Shri Arun Jain, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Director GSDS, and others were present at the inaugural function. The keys to operate the machine, has been handed over to the office of the Station Master.



Satyagraha centenary celebrations.

Shri Radha Mohan Singh ji also launched the electric railway route from Motihari to Muzaffarpur as part of the concluding ceremony of the Champaran

▪ ***Insignia's on principles of Truth and Charkha the symbol of self reliance inaugurated at Charkha Park – April 15, 2018***

As the day light began to give way to the evening sky, over 1000 people gathered at the newly named Charkha Park, to witness the inauguration of the newly installed *Insignia's* developed by the Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti on huge stones and the Steel Charkha by the Hon'ble Union Agriculture Minister, Shri Radha Mohan Singh. A galaxy of distinguished guests such as Shri Pramod Kumar, Bihar Tourism Minister; Smt. Anju Devi, Chief Councillor, Motihari Municipal Council; Shri Vinay Kumar Saxena, Chairman, Khadi and Village Industries Commission; Shri Babloo Gupta, Member Legislative Council; Shri Brajkishore Singh, Secretary, Gandhi Sanghralaya, Motihari; Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Director GSDS, Shri Chandrabhushan Pandey, eminent Gandhian and journalist and others were present at the inaugural ceremony.



(Above): Hon'ble Union Agriculture Minister Shri Radha Mohan Singh inaugurates the Charkha Park and Insignias along with hon'ble Tourism Minister of Bihar Shri Pramod Kumar and a host of other dignitaries. The Charkha Park Insignias is an initiative of the GSDS.

(Below): Shri Radha Mohan Singh addresses a huge gathering of students and youth and people from different segments of the society at the inaugural ceremony, as host of delegates (on the dais) Smt. Anju Devi, Chief Councillor, Motihari Municipal Council; Shri Vinay Kumar Saxena, Chairman, Khadi and Village Industries Commission; Shri Babloo Gupta, Member Legislative Council; Shri Brajkishore Singh, Secretary, Gandhi Sanghralaya, Motihari; Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Director GSDS; Shri Chandrabhushan Pandey, eminent Gandhian and journalist were present on the occasion.

The **Insignia** was designed in the Gandhi Darshan complex at Rajghat, New Delhi by the GSDS under the guidance and supervision of eminent sculptor and Director General of National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi, Shri Adwaita Gadanayak and his team of artists from Orissa who had spent over a month in carving the stone pillars – *first with the image of Ba and Bapu, the second with the signatures of Gandhiji in different languages; the third pillar with shlokas from the Rig Veda and the fourth pillar depicting the samudra manthan (churning of the ocean) symbolising the introspection in search of truth and non-violence for attainment of strength and resilience to fight against injustice which Gandhiji attained in Champaran.*

The grand high-quality steel, corrosion resistant and non-magnetic *Charkha* has been provided by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) and manufactured at Prayog Samiti at Ahmedabad.

In his inaugural address, Shri Radha Mohan Singh said that "it is a matter of pride for this erstwhile land of Satyagraha from where Mohandas Karamchand Gandhiji started his journey to be our loving Bapu that it is now symbolizing our Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Make in India' Mission."

He further dedicated the 'Charkha Park' at Belbanwa Chowk opposite to the Gandhi Museum in town to the memory of Mahatma Gandhi's visit to Champaran and pleaded that people should not play with the ideals and philosophy of great thinkers like Mahatma Gandhi, Sardar Patel and Bhim Rao Ambedkar.





The Insignias designed by eminent sculptor Shri Adwaita Gadanayak has image of Ba and Bapu; signatures of Mahatma Gandhi in different languages; verses from the Rig Veda and churning of the ocean in search of truth... were inaugurated at the Charkha Park as part of 100 years of Champaran Satyagraha.

He praised the efforts of the GSDS and KVIC in initiating the projects of placing the giant Insignias and the Charkha.

Earlier Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan felicitated the distinguished gathering including Shri Radha Mohan Singh ji with the angavastram and a memento.

➤ ***Inauguration of Interpretation Centre at Rakjya Madhya Vidyalaya, Chandrahiya and Kasturba Balika Vidyalaya, Peeprakothi – April 16, 2018***



Hon'ble Union Agriculture Minister Shri Radha Mohan Singh visits the interpretation centre along with Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Director GSDS after its inauguration in Kasturba Balika Vidyalaya, Peeprakothi.



Hon'ble Union Agriculture Minister Shri Radha Mohan Singh visits the interpretation centre along with Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Director GSDS after its inauguration in Rajkiya Vidyalaya Chandrahiya.

On April 16, 2018 Shri Radha Mohan Singh ji, inaugurated the Interpretation Centre at Rajkya Mandya Vidyalaya, Chandrahiya. Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan was present on the occasion. The *Interpretation Centre* has been developed with a vision to help the students and the local community to understand the life's message of Mahatma Gandhi. An exhibition containing glimpses from the life and time of Mahatma Gandhi and a special panel on Gandhiji's journey (on April 16, 1917) riding on the elephant has also been depicted in the Interpretation Centre.

Shri Radha Mohan Singh further inaugurated the Sanitary Napkin Vending Machine and Incinerator centre at the Vidyalaya. This was also initiated by the GSDS and Sulabh Social International Organisation as part of the 'school sanitation programme' and keeping in view the

government's Swachh Bharat Swachh Vidyalaya Mission that encourages the construction of incinerators in schools. The keys were handed over to Shri Rameshwar Yadav, Principal of the Vidyalaya.

Further, Shri Radha Mohan Singh ji also inaugurated the Interpretation Centre – set up by the GSDS at the Kasturba Balika Vidyalaya. Shri Pramod Kumar, hon'ble Tourism Minister was present on the occasion. Others who were present included: Smt. Neeta Sharma, Head Mistress and Coordinator of Kasturba Balika Vidyalaya; Smt. Geeta Shukla, Shri Rajdeep Pathak, Shri Pankaj Chaubey and Shri Yatender Singh of the GSDS.

Later, at a discussion with the officials of GSDS, Shri Radha Mohan Singhji reiterated the vision of Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan in developing a model vidyalaya (Buniyadi Vidyalaya) on Gandhiji's concept of Basic Education and suggested that the Kasturba Balika Vidyalaya be developed into a model Buniyadi Vidyalaya.

Earlier, Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan along with Smt. Geeta Shukla, Shri Rajdeep Pathak, Shri Pankaj Chaubey and Shri Yatender Singh visited the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya at Peeprakothi to see the functioning of the 'sanitary napking vending machine and incinerator' that was installed on April 7, 2018. He also had an interaction with the Principal of the Vidyalaya Shri Anjum Arshi and discussed the possibilities of organising programmes for children with the school.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks.

Further, the staff of the Samiti in Champaran led by the Director GSDS also undertook a sanitation drive at the Rajkiya Vidyalaya at Chandrahiya. Director GSDS also spoke to the children there about the importance of sanitation and cleanliness.



Director GSDS Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan addresses the gathering of children at the vidyalaya in Chandrahiya on the importance of health and hygiene and the history of the Champaran Satyagraha.



GSDS staff led by Director Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan during the sanitation drive at the school in Chandrahiya.

Programmes for Children

Understanding Gandhi through the eyes of Children – An Interactive Session with ITIHAAS

The interactive session with students from ITIHAAS (Indian Traditions Heritage Society) who are on a summer project to understand the life's message and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi by visiting various Gandhian Institutions and writing their reports based on the information they receive, took place in Gandhi Darshan on May 23, 2018.



(Above): Director GSDS Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan conducting a session on "Knowing Yourself" with participating children;

(Below): Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan addresses the participating children as Ms. Smita Vats, Founder Director ITIHAAS keenly listens.

Led by Smita Vats, Founder Director Itihaas, the students shared their experiences of taking part in the internship programme at National Gandhi Museum. They felt that their visit to Gandhi Darshan museums have enriched their understanding of the journey of Mohandas to Mahatma. They felt elated.

Speaking to them from GSDS was Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan who spoke of many qualities of Gandhiji. Sharing personal anecdotes from his life that evolved him into seeking for truth through the means of service to mankind he asked the students to imbibe honesty and courage in their life.

Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan also led the students into a game of "Knowing Yourself" developed by H.H. the Dalai Lama which the students enjoyed thoroughly.

Shri Rajdeep Pathak, Programme Executive, GSDS while sharing information about the activities of the Samiti, asked the students to also visit Gandhi Smriti. He further asked if the children could establish Moniya clubs in schools that could become a hub of student led creative activities. He further advised the students to develop in them the concept of giving back something to the society which Gandhiji always did.

The students informed that as part of the summer project they are being involved by team from Itihaas to discuss, interview, participate, enact and write about their approach and understanding of Gandhiji.

Earlier the children were given a guided tour of the exhibitions at Gandhi Darshan. The children were pleased to learn short anecdotes about Mahatma Gandhi.

Dhanak Rang Tarang Summer Workshop enhances children's creativity

Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (GSDS) and Jamghat (a group of street Children) jointly organised a Dhanak Rang Tarang Summer Workshop for street children was organised from June 11-30, 2018 in Gandhi Darshan. 21 street children from different areas of the capital city participated in the Workshop. Ms. Neha Garg, Ms. Himanshi, Ms. Sunita Bhatt, Ms. Shipra Rai and Mr. Anita Mahato were the facilitators.

The aim of the workshop was to develop values of democracy, peace, compassion, non-violence, Inclusive development, team building and nature education amongst participants.

The workshop included group activities such as ice breaking sessions to grab each child's



Activities during the 'Dhanak Rang Tarang' summer workshop in progress in Gandhi Darshan.

attention and to encounter children's hidden talent; using a prop to hone Imaginative skills; played games as to connect them with real life problems and persuaded to give the suggestions; tasks to channelize their anger in positive direction without destruction or harm to others.

Discussions on Gandhian Values such as Truth, Violence, Ahimsa, Cooperation, Unity and Self Rule linking took place during the workshop.

Further, a nature walk around the nearby areas, were organized and there learners were asked to observe and identify the different artifacts displayed and by using their senses (touch, sight, hearing) they were asked to analyze the elements of the nature.

Further, the participants visited Gandhi Samadhi Rajghat, Gandhi Darshan museum and Gandhi Smriti, to familiarize children to the belongings of Gandhi.

Group songs, reflections from learners, stone paintings, sketching, clay modelling, etc were also conducted during the workshop. Shramdaan formed part of a major activity in the workshop and the children cleaned up the entire garden area during their visit to the Gandhi Darshan exhibition *My Life is my Message*.

The focus has also been to enable our children to imbibe the Gandhian ethics in their lives and apply those whenever required, for e.g. when they got into an argument or fight, sharing their belongings with others, eliminating personal comments and shaming, resolving the conflicts between their friends or if they have with anyone, respect for every individual, accepting others' viewpoint, etc.

"We worked upon helping children incorporate the values of Truth, peace, non violence, unity, Cooperation and simplicity in their lives and hope that with the passage of time that it will definitely bring positive change in their behaviour", said Shipra Rai from Jamghat.

In the valedictory session, participants expressed their experiences and shared token of appreciation. The students showcased their creativity through theatre, experience sharing session. An exhibition of their products made during the workshop was also showcased on the occasion.

Summer School on 'India of My Dreams'

Gandhi Bhawan, University of Delhi in collaboration with the Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, July 19 2018, successfully concluded the Summer School on 'India of My Dreams' – a book by M. K. Gandhi. The summer school began from July 9, 2018.

In the inaugural session on July 9, 2018, Prof. Ramesh C. Bharadwaj, Director (Hony.), Gandhi Bhawan, University of Delhi, at the onset, delivered the welcome speech and honoured the Chief Guest, Dr. Bajrang Gupta, an eminent

Gandhian thinker and Prof. H. C. Pokhriyal, Executive Director, School of Open Learning, University of Delhi who chaired the session before giving the details of the Summer School.

Throughout the duration, resource persons from vast fields were invited to deliver lectures/discussions/ talks in the context of 'India of My Dreams' – with selected topics such as:

1. *Economic Thoughts, Education and Culture,*
2. *Swadeshi, Gramswaraj, Women*
3. *Regeneration Youth & Society,*
4. *Nationalism and Socialism,*
5. *Swachagraha and Social Justice.*

Among others, Dr. Atul Kothari, Educationist; Dr. Pramod Kumar, Journalist; Dr. Ashwini Mahajan, Shri Ram Chandra Rahi, President, Gandhi Smarak Nidhi, Rajghat, New Delhi; Dr. Mohan Chand, Journalist; Dr. Bindeshwar Pathak, Founder, Sulabh International Social Service Organisation; Shri Kumar Prashant, President, Gandhi Peace Foundation, New Delhi; Dr. Ravinder Agarwal, Journalist and Dr. Pawan Sinha, Moti Lal Nehru College, University of Delhi were the invited speakers.

In the Valedictory programme, on July 19, 2018, Prof. D. K. Singh, Dean, Recruitment and Promotions, University of Delhi, grace the occasion by his presence and chaired the session.



Participants of the summer school take part in a march to raise awareness on different issues, such as 'no plastics', 'best out of waste' and so on.

Prof. Singh emphasized on the urgent need to rope in Gandhian philosophy and action in our day-to-day life and congratulated the Director, Gandhi Bhawan for such a meaningful programme.

Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer, GSDD was also present on this occasion. A total number of 50 participants from undergraduate level to Ph.D. scholars and the faculty of Delhi University Colleges were selected for this School.

On the same day a campaign against the use of plastic in our daily life, was taken up by organizing a rally on 'Plastic-free Campus'. It was started at 10:00 a.m. from Gandhi Bhawan and took a round of University campus in order to propagate the basic idea – Avoid the use of plastic. It was culminated at Gandhi Bhawan which was well attended by students, teachers and staff of University of Delhi.

Orientation workshop on 'Stress Management & Conflict Resolution and Non-violent Communication'

The Samiti organized a one-day orientation workshop on "Stress Management and Conflict Resolution and Non-Violent Communication" in Government Boys Sr. Sec School, Vivek Vihar on August 1, 2018. The orientation programme was conducted by expert trainer Shri Atul Priyadarshi. Shri Gulshan Gupta, North East Coordinator was also present on the occasion. Total 102 students (50 students of X- A and 52 students of X- B) took part in the workshop. A presentation on Stress Management and Conflict Resolution was presented by Shri Atul Priyadarshi.

Rehearsals for Gandhi Jayanti programme

In view of the Gandhi Jayanti celebrations of October 2, 2018, the Samiti organised a series of rehearsals for almost 400 children and+ youth from almost 26 schools and institutions in Gandhi Smriti. This year, students under the scholarship scheme implemented by the Centre for Cultural Resource and Training (CCRT) also participated in the programme. Children from Government Sr. Sec School and Government Girls Sr. Sec School, Kavaratti, U. T. of Lakshadweep; Siddhagiri Gurukul Foundation, Kaneri Math, Kholapur, Maharashtra; Lupin Human Welfare and Research Foundation, Bharatpur, Rajasthan took part in the training programme. The training programme was coordinated by Shri Sudhanshu Bahuguna of Swar Trishna.

Music intertwines cultural vividness amongst children at the Value Creation Camp

The Samiti in collaboration with the Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT) organised the Value Creation Camp as Expression of Unity from September 22 to October 3, 2018.

The festival was aimed at creation awareness about Mahatma Gandhi's teachings to mobilise youth power for the nation's growth to make the young scholar understand the relevance of Bapu's universal ideas in India and world of the 21st century and above all to motivate the youth for learning valuable lessons from Gandhiji's life and act as an agent for social transformation.



Distinguished gathering at the inauguration of the ten-day Value Creation Camp in Gandhi Darshan. Seen here is Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer GSDS addressing the participants.



A participant demonstrates her dancing skills depicting an invocation to the seers and saints during the inaugural ceremony.

108 young CCRT scholar artists representing more than 30 different Art forms participated in the festival from 22 different states, Union Territories, getting specialised training in different performing and visual arts.

The various activities conducted in the festivals were practical classes for group productions/presentations/exhibitions with eminent experts. The young budding artistes, guided by their gurus and renowned artists developed and synchronized a group cultural production entitled *Swachhagraha*, based on the life and message of Ba and Bapu.



Activities during the Value Creation Camp included art and craft, theatre and communications classes that were conducted by resource persons from GSDS and CCRT.

The production choreographed by Pt. Chetan Joshi, an eminent flautist, was staged on October 3, 2018 during the special programme graced by the Hon'ble Minister of Culture, Dr. Mahesh Sharma. The 25 minutes production showed the rich diversified culture of the country depicting through different dance forms the role of Ba and Bapu in raising awareness and consciousness of the people towards sanitation. Performances from Manipur, Kerala, Karnataka, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Haryana enthralled the gathering.



Hon'ble Minister of Culture and VC GSDS, Dr. Mahesh Sharma inaugurates the Value Creation Camp organised jointly by GSDS and CCRT in Gandhi Darshan by lighting the ceremonial lamp, as Shri Rishi Vashist, Director(I/C) CCRT, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Director GSDS and other dignitaries join the function along with artists.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Mahesh Sharma saluted the philanthropic leader Mahatma Gandhi and said that Mahatma Gandhi inculcated the values of India and the culture and tradition for building a diversified India, which the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi has time and again reiterated in enhancing the vast culture of India.

Dr. Mahesh Sharma also informed the gathering of the prestigious 'Champion of Earth' award bestowed by the United Nations to the hon'ble Prime Minister of India. He also appreciated the role of the CCRT in enhancing the cultural heritage of the country.

While addressing the gathering, Dr. Mahesh Sharma asked everybody to pay tribute to Mother Earth, India and ask forgiveness from the Mother as we commit many deeds daily that directly harm Mother Earth. "This should be our tradition", he emphasised.



Performance on the historic "Champaran Satyagraha" choreographed by Pt. Chetan Joshi and presented live by scholarship holder students was a major attraction of the inaugural programme of the Value Creation Camp.

The camp coordinators Shobha Khulbe, Vivek Rathor, Kanak Kaushik, Rashida conducted various activities during the camp. Activities included – *Sharmdaan, Yoga, Charkha spinning; diary writing, sports and games, theatre, workshop on comics, happiness door, story writing, talk on naturopathy.*

The ten-day Value Creation camp organised by the Samiti from September 23 to October 3, 2018 concluded on October 3, 2018 with the

valedictory function organised in Gandhi Darshan. Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Shri Basant ji, Dr. Chenta Singh, Director In-Charge, Centre For Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT) and Shri Rishi Vashist, Deputy Director CCRT.



Director GSDS Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan addresses the children at the valedictory function of the ten-day Value Creation Camp.



Children perform a play at the valedictory function (above) and (below) a demonstration of yoga by children enthralled the gathering.

Children from Government Sr. Sec School and Government Girls Sr. Sec School, Kavaratti, U. T. of Lakshadweep; Siddhagiri Gurukul Foundation, Kaneri Math, Kholapur, Maharashtra; Lupin Human Welfare and Research Foundation, Bharatpur, Rajasthan, there were children and youth from different parts of the country. These students were under the scholarship scheme implemented by the CCRT. Almost 75 children from Lakshadweep, Maharashtra and Rajasthan took part. Another 110 children from CCRT took part in various activities. The aim of the camp was to make children happy by nurturing their creative talents.

Training for theatre was conducted by Madhumita Khan. Shri Shivdutt conducted training in Comics. Ms. Kanak conducted the session on 'a happiness door' and mindfulness meditation.

A magic show by Shri Satyawan creating awareness on health issues was another highlight of the camp. The camp children also took part in a demonstration of the go-bar-gas plant being made in Gandhi Darshan complex done by Bargad.

The valedictory programme began with the Saraswati Vandana by children from Siddhagiri Gurukul Foundation, Kaneri Math. Children also shared their experiences on the occasion. The children said: "We never expected to get this great opportunity to take part in the Value Creation Camp. It is really lucky for us. We have made friends from other states now because of this camp". "We are lucky to have got friends from J&K to Kanyakumari, to Andhra Pradesh to Gujarat, and got an opportunity to study their culture. Delhi Darshan was really astonishing".



Musical performance by children from Siddhagiri Gurukul Foundation, Kaneri Math, Maharashtra surprised the gathering.



Children from Kaneri Math also made few other cultural presentations that were enthralling. A theatre performance on "Education and Gandhi" which was coordinated under the supervision of Ms. Madhumita Khan brought out the creativity of the children from Kaneri Math, Lupin Human Welfare Research Foundation (LHWRF) and New Delhi.

Y o g a demonstration by children from LHWRF was another highlight of the programme. Children from LHWRF also gave various cultural presentations that included folk songs, patriotic songs and dances on the occasion. The teachers, coordinators and Acharyas of Kaneri Math and LHWRF also shared their view on the occasion.

Earlier, Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan appreciated the efforts of the children and the coordinators for making the Value Creation Camp

successful. He also expressed his gratitude to the young and vibrant team of GSDS comprising of Ms. Shobha Khulbe, Ms. Kanak Kaushik, Ms. Rashida, Ms. Jyoti, Ms. Babita, Dr. Manju Aggarwal, Shri Vivek Rathod, Shri Gulshan Gupta led by the Programme Officer Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu. Certificates were awarded to each participant by Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan.

Andhra School joins the Swachhata Campaign



Andhra Education Society, popularly known as the Andhra School at the ITO, whose students took part in the commemorative programme in Gandhi Smriti on October 2, 2018 actively joined the "Swachhata hi Sewa Campaign" in their school. The children as part of the GSDS initiative, led by their music teacher Ms. Shubha Dikshit, the students cleaned their classrooms, planted trees and wrote slogans in the school with great enthusiasm.

Theatrical visualisation on Gandhian Thoughts by children of Rangaprabhat

The Samiti hosted a *Theatrical visualisation on Gandhian Thoughts* by children from Rangaprabhat Children's Theatre, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala as a tribute to Baa and Bapu 150 in Gandhi Darshan



Artists and mentors from Rangaprabhat Children's Theatre, Thiruvananthapuram light the ceremonial lamp during the children's performance in Gandhi Darshan.

(From Top to Bottom): Shri Basant ji addressing the gathering. Shri Vivek, Shri Umesh, Ms. Shobha Khulbe and Ms. Kanak Kaushik being felicitated by Director GSDS Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, as guests join the valedictory function.

on November 24, 2018. The presentation visualised Mahatma Gandhi's poems, besides showcasing the rich cultural heritage of Kerala through Malayalam folk songs. Shri Kumar Amitabh, senior journalist and communications trainer was the guest of honour on the occasion. Shri K Sasidharan Nair, who was earlier working with the GSDD and also is closely associated with Rangaprabhat attended the programme. Children from different schools



Artists from Rangaprabhat perform at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.



Artists and mentors from Rangaprabhat Children's Theatre being felicitated by Sr. Journalist Kumar Amitabh.



Shri S. Nair is seen addressing the gathering on the occasion.

also attended the programme. 22 children along with their mentor and coordinator Ms. Geetha put forth the programme. Almost 50 people attended the programme.

Rangaprabhat is a living monument to a master craft man and his disciple in Theatre who dreamt of a Children's Theatre for the holistic development of children through a conscious weaving of education and arts. Since its inception, the essence of *Rangaprabhat* has been to instill Gandhian values and attitudes in young children by exposing them to a variety of situations and special programmes like camps, workshops, training programmes, festivals, interaction with senior Gandhian intellectuals and activists, visit to places connected with Mahatma Gandhi, essay, elocution competitions, painting, creative dramatics, rendition of National songs, screening of films on Gandhi and Gandhian themes and so on.

Musical Rehearsals Tribute to Mahatma Gandhi by children conducted



Shri Sudhanshu Bahuguna of Swar Trishna conducts the rehearsals for the participating 400 children in Gandhi Darshan.



24 schools and institutions comprising almost 500 students took part in the rehearsals for the musical tribute to the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi as part of the 71st anniversary of Martyrdom Day on January 30, 2019, in Gandhi Darshan and Gandhi Smriti on January 18, 22, 24, 27, 28 and 29, 2019. The children drawn from several schools in Delhi, NCR, Panipat City, Gurgaon, Uttar Pradesh, Assam and Jharkhand performed live in Gandhi Smriti on January 30. The rehearsals were conducted by Shri Sudhanshu Bahuguna of *Swar Trishna*.

Value Creation Camp for children

To inculcate the moral values and awareness on different social issues among children, a *Value Creation Camp* was organized by the Samiti at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat from January 22 to February 02, 2019. About 70 participants from three different institutions namely State Bal Bhavan (Assam), Banwasi Sewa Ashram (Sonbhadra, Uttar Pradesh) and Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram (Gumla, Jharkhand) took part in the twelve day camp. Under the overall supervision of Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu (Programme Officer, GSDS), the camp was coordinated by Mr. Gulshan Gupta along with Ms. Kanak Kaushik, Ms. Sunita Joshi, Ms. Lalita, Mr. Dharamraj, Mr. Piyush Mr. Rakesh and Mr. Vivek.



Students, mentors, GSDS officials along with chief guest Shri D S Rawat and Gandhian Shri Basant ji inaugurates the Value Creation Camp in Gandhi Darshan during January 2019.



A student is seen sharing his experience on the occasion.



Shri D S Rawat, Commandant, CTI, Home Guards addresses a packed gathering of children (Below).



In this Value Creation Camp, five different activities were planned. To train the children in above mentioned activities, the resource persons included: Ms. Madhumita Roy for theatre from Indu Arts Theatre and Film Society; Mr. Gulshan Gupta for Media and Mobile Film Making; Mr. Vivek for Camp Documentary; Ms. Kanak Kaushik for Mindfulness; Ms. Renu for Charkha; Ms. Sangeeta for Cloth Designing and Hand Embroidery; Mr. Mukesh and Arvind Das for Organic Farming and Plantation; Mr. Arobinda Mohanty for Happy and Healthy Life Style; Mr. Umesh for Hospitality and Dr. Manju Aggarwal for Reflexology and Health-Hygiene.



Participants from Assam Bal Bhawan present a cultural performance at the inaugural function.

The camp was inaugurated on January 22, 2019 by the chief guest Sh. D. S Rawat (Commandant, CTI, Home Guards). Shri Basant ji (Senior Gandhian), Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu and Shri S.A Jamal (Administrative Officer, GSDS) were also present on the occasion.



Director GSDS Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan unfurls the Tricolour in Gandhi Darshan on the occasion Republic Day celebrations on January 26, 2019.

The Children of VCC showcased various cultural performances on this occasion representing their traditions. They also offered musical tribute to the Father of the Nation on his 71st Martyrdom Day in Gandhi Smriti.



Participants from Assam Bal Bhawan; Banwasi Sewa Ashram Sonbhadra Uttar Pradesh and Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram, Gumla along with GSDS staff and residents of quarters join the Republic Day function in Gandhi Darshan.

On January 26, the participants led by the Director of GSDS and other employees of the Samiti celebrated the Republic Day. Participants presented patriotic songs on the occasion. Director GSDS unfurled the Tricolour on the occasion.

This year, a special *Gandhi Katha* was also organized by Smt Shobhna Radhakrishna for VCC Children on January 25, 2019. Children joined Smt Shobhna Radhakrishna in singing songs on the life and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi.

The valedictory function of the camp was organized on January 31, 2019. The programme was graced by Sh. Adwaita Gadanayak, Director General, National Gallery of Modern Arts; Ms. Rumjhum Goswami (Deputy Director, Social Welfare Department, Assam) and Ms. Kabita Sarma Bhattacharjee (Principal, State Bal Bhavan, Assam). Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu (Programme Officer, GSDS) and Smt. Geeta Shukla (Research Officer, GSDS) were also present in the function. Dr. Kundu felicitated the guests.

During this programme, the enthusiast participants showcased their final outcome which of their 12 days training. For instance:

1. Children from theatre group presented a 20 minute-long play named 'Punch Light'.
2. Media Children came out with the knowledge of media and its use and they have prepared a two-minute mobile film on the theme of 'Charkha' which was played in the valedictory function.
3. Children from Mindfulness group have prepared a calendar of a year with different ideas and thoughts which completes a cycle of mindfulness.
4. Group of children from Organic Farming showcased more than 60 plants which they sowed on first day of the camp. They have also prepared a chart presentation on the work they had done.
5. Each participant from the Cloth Designing group completed their tasks. Each participant embroidered two handkerchiefs. Every item was displayed on the board and it was explained by the participants.



(Above): Director General of National Gallery of Modern Arts, Shri Adwaita Gadanayak lights the ceremonial lamp at the valedictory function, as children (below) display their creativity through theatre, music, dance that they had learnt during the camp.

Every resource person of the respective group had given his/her response or feedback about the group. And participants from each group also shared their experiences of learning. Coordinators from each team from different states also shared their experiences of the camp.

In the valedictory function, apart from the above-mentioned activities, many other performances were also presented by the participants of each state. Children from Uttar Pradesh and Jharkhand presented folk dances of their respective states. Team members from Assam have presented *Sattriya* Classical Dance, Assam *Janajatiya* Nritya, Folk Dance and Mime on the theme of Truth (based on Mahatma Gandhi's ideology). The programme concluded by National Anthem. The vote of thanks was given by Smt. Geeta Shukla.



Smt. Shobana Radhakrishna narrator of the Gandhi Katha leads the participating children in a prayer during the Gandhi Katha organised at the Value Creation Camp in Gandhi Darshan.

On February 1, 2019 along with the camp coordinators Mr. Gulshan Gupta, Ms. Kanak Kaushik and Ms. Lalita all the participants and other team members went for Delhi Darshan. Director General, National Gallery of Modern Arts Shri Adwaiata Garanayaka had arranged an educational trip to NGMA for the children, where they experienced a different side of art.

There, an exhibition was organized on the occasion of Mahatma Gandhi's 150th Birth Anniversary. Along with this children also enjoyed and benefited from the work of world known artists like Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore, Raja Ravi Verma, Abindra Nath Tagore, Amrita Shergil, Chhagan Lal Yadav and others. On the request of the DG, NGMA team from Assam performed the mime presentation in the open lawns of NGMA.

Gandhi Samvad – A Journey to Self-Consciousness



Ms. Kanak Kaushik conducting the proceedings of the Gandhi Samvad.



The Brahmakumaris conducting the Gandhi Samvad for the participating children and teachers .



Participants at the Gandhi Samvad in meditation organised by the Brahmakumaris.



Children after their group exercise made group presentations on different themes.

The Samiti organised a *Gandhi Samvad – A Journey to Self-Consciousness* in Gandhi Darshan on January 27, 2019. Brahmakumaris from the Om Shanti Retreat Centre in Gurgaon conducted the workshop with almost 400 + children from different schools and the participating children of the Value Creation Camp took part in the camp. Brahmakumaris Vedhatri, Falguni, Monika and Sunaina conducted the Samvad on "Compassion and Honesty". Group activities were conducted with multiple groups of children on the above-mentioned themes in which the children actively participated.

On January 28, *Gandhi Samvad – A Journey to Self-Consciousness* was conducted on the theme *Truth and Non-Violence* for the staff of GSDS.

Brahmakumaris Vedhatri and Hussain conducted the session. Almost 100 people took part in the programme.

Participating children of 71st Republic Day Parade from Kilkari felicitated

Joint Secretary Ministry of Culture, Shri S. C. Barmma felicitated children and resource persons from the Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre at a special function in Gandhi Darshan on January 27, 2019. These children had taken part at the 71st Republic Day Parade in Rajpath on January 26, 2019. Almost 175 participants took part in the programme. The

children represented Kilkari an organisation in Bihar.



Shri S C Barmma, J.S. MoC (Inset) addressing the gathering of children from Kilkari Bal Bhawan, Bihar in Gandhi Darshan.

(Below): From L to R - Shri Aditya Patnaik, Smt. Gouri Basu, Shri Basant, Shri S C Barmma, Ms. Jyoti Parihar along with Ms. Romi Johari graced the occasion.

The others who were present on the occasion included: Shri Basant, senior Gandhian, Smt. Gouri Basu, Director Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre, Shri Aditya Patnaik, Founder Antyodaya Chetana Mandal and Member, Gandhi 150 Committee, Ms. Romi Johari, Asst Director Department of Education and Ms. Jyoti Parihar from Kilkari Bihar whose children had participated in the Republic Day Parade. Mr. Tapas who coordinated the programme on behalf of the EZCC was also present.

Kilkari Bal Bhawan – Patna

How children can imbibe Gandhian values? An interaction on Gandhian Philosophy

The Samiti organized an interactive session with children of Kilkari, Bihar Bal Bhawan in Patna on February 12, 2019 on the theme *Ba-Bapu Ko Naman*.



Shri Laxmi Dass speaking to children of Kilkari Bal Bhawan in Patna on Gandhi's vision of leadership.



Initiating the interaction, Dr Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer, GSDS underlined the five pillars of Gandhian nonviolence which should be imbibed right from a young age – mutual respect, mutual understanding, acceptance, appreciation and compassion. He also talked about the Gandhian approach to anger management and how children can use these techniques to control their anger.

Prof Pushpa Motiyani, retd Prof of Gujarat Vidyapeeth talked about the child, Moniya, who was like any other child. She delved on the importance of peace and non-violence to be ingrained in each child from an early age.

Shri Laxmi Dass, Executive Committee member of GSDS talked on Gandhian Constructive Work and how children can do constructive work in their own communities. He discussed on how children could develop their leadership skills using the Gandhian strategies.

Shri Basant, senior Gandhian and former advisor, GSDS talked on character building. He talked about different attributes of Gandhi which should be followed by young people like discipline, time management, honesty and truthfulness.

Dr Jyoti Parihar, Director of Kilkari Bal Bhawan Patna talked on how children should imbibe values and ethics and promoted by Bapu. She hoped that the children of Bal Bhawan will get more opportunities to work with Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti.

Programmes for Youth

Know Yourself – An Orientation Programme for Youth

For Self-realization, Mahatma Gandhi once coined a path when he said: *"The best way to find yourself, is to lose yourself in the service of others"*. With these understandings, a three-day camp, titled *"Main Ki Khoj"* was organised in Gandhi Darshan Samiti in collaboration with Gandhi Peace Foundation (GPF) from May 4-6, 2018. Several Gandhian thinkers and academicians such as Shri Annamallai, Shri Ramchandra Rahi, President Gandhi Smarak Nidhi; Shri Sanjay Damyantiji, Secretary Gandhi Smarak Nidhi; Shri Kumar Prashant, Chairperson GPF, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Director GSDS, Smt Geeta Shukla, Research Officer, GSDS and others took part in the programme.



Shri Kumar Prashant, Chairperson, Gandhi Peace Foundation speaks to the participating youth during the orientation programme in Gandhi Darshan.



While addressing the participants, Shri Annamallai embarked on a discussion while pointing that *Self* has the pivotal role in the full-fledged development of the whole nation. He pointed that *"If your mind is full then first empty it, then only it will be possible to enter new ideas within you and then only you will be able to think about the new ideas, the society and the country"*.

Further, Shri Ramchandra Rahi spoke on the vicious role of Market, Monarchy and Development in playing a crucial role and changing the mindsets and beliefs and actions of the people. According to Shri Rahi, *"The independence movement was a sacred thread of love and trust, but after independence there came a period in which we went into hatred, violence and untouchability, leaving us caught between these two differences"*. He further claimed the reason for being trapped in these differences is that *"We have been woven by changing scenarios in market, monarchy and the development"*, which he further elaborated as:

- **MARKET:** Today the market is enticing us; it works as *"Sell what they have"*. The market buys our physical ability, talents and qualities and at last we sit down by emptying our own pockets. It is unfortunate that today's market is learning how to meet artificial needs which actually leads for temporary upliftment only.
- **MONARCHY:** The purpose of *Swaraj* has been misused. At the time of Independence, the intention was not just about the development of the Congress but about over all development which has been changed gradually. Earlier, elections were the stepping stone for public services particularly for the people who had dedicated their lives to the society. But, now-a-days elections are being fought on the strength of the capital, the force of the party, the force of the corporate, on the strength of the power of religion and the bureaucracy.
- **DEVELOPMENT:** According to Hind Swaraj, *"This development is a mad blind race, it is taking us towards destruction and we all should leave this path and work for development with the help of nature and society."*

In his deliberations, Shri Kumar Prashant undertook the concept of searching and finding ourselves amidst the exterior environment. He said that we never think about ourselves but just keep thinking about others and also from the day we will start thinking about our individual self, we will definitely start searching for it. He added that the place where you stand in the crowd determines your search for yourself. He also apprised participants about the National Youth Organization, its purpose, values, methodology, symbols, Satyagraha and

membership.

Shri Dipankar Shri Gyan shared the experiences of his life and work succinctly, eventually leading towards the way that today a person can go forward only if S/he wants to give something to the society.

In addition to these aforementioned sessions and open sessions, the camp worked successfully to inculcate activities such as shramdaan, yoga and cultural activities, and other such creative activities.

Run for a Cause – Summer Quarter Marathon 3rd Edition 2018

The Samiti in association with Health Fitness Trust and Run for Life organised the “3rd Edition of the Summer Quarter Marathon 2018 – Run for a Cause” on May 6, 2018 at Gandhi Darshan. Almost 500 runners took part in the quarter marathon that was organised to raise awareness on various social issues. The event was led by Dr. Sunita Godara, Asian Marathon Champion 1992 and President Health Fitness Trust along with Shri Dipankar Shri Gyan, Director GSDS.



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In the senior category, the runners took part in the 21 km and 10 km race that was flagged off by Dr. Sunita Godara. Further, in the junior category almost 75 runners took part in the 5 km race.

120 children from several schools, orphanages and specially challenged children took part in the poster making competition on “Gandhiji’s Philosophy.”

Later, Shri Dipankar Shri Gyan along with Dr. Sunita Godara gave away prizes from the GSDS to the participants that contained jute bag along with a book on Gandhiji’s childhood.



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1 and 2. Bridging generations, young and old including persons with special abilities join the ‘Run for a Cause - Summer Quarter Marathon’ from Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.

3. Dr. Sunita Godara, Asian Marathon champion conducts an aerobics activity during the jamming session with the participants.

4. Director GSDS, Shri Dipankar Shri Gyan (L) and Dr. Sunita Godara (R) felicitates a runner (C) on the occasion.

BHARATPUR, RAJASTHAN
Workshop on Constructive Programme of Mahatma Gandhi

The Samiti organised a “Workshop on Constructive Programme of Mahatma Gandhi” in association with Lupin Human Welfare and Research Foundation, at Bharatpur, Rajasthan that was attended by 145 participants from 25 villages. Experts from different areas took part in the workshop.

Speaking to the participants at the workshop, Shri Basant ji said that the model developed by Mahatma Gandhi for the development of the village is still relevant today. “For the development of the village industries, it is very necessary to upgrade them with the latest technology, so that the village industries could be saved from degeneration”, he said.

“The concept of Gram Swaraj as envisaged by Mahatma Gandhi must be taken forward in the same direction and the GSDS should aim to take this forward to different streams of the society”.



Shri Basant, former Advisor to GSDS along with Shri Sita Ram Gupta CEO of Lupin Foundation is seen felicitating the participants during the workshop.

Executive Director of Lupin Human Welfare and Research Foundation, Shri Sitaram Gupta said that while the 21st century has been termed as the century of unemployment, but this is not the case. He further said that Lupin Foundation has been working with the vision and principles of Mahatma Gandhi’s *Gram Swaraj* and have been encouraging and promoting traditional industries. The villagers are also being encouraged towards adopting cleanliness, encouraging young people for environmental conservation and other such issues”.

Other who spoke on the occasion included District Coordinator, Rajasthan Skill Building and Employment Development Corporation, Shri Chandrabhushan Singh from Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya and Prof. Urmila Sharma from Maharani Shri Jaya Mahavidyalaya.

With the support of Rajasthan Skill Building and Employment Development corporation certificates were also distributed to the home guard trainees and five young start-ups.

Creative Expressions – A Confluence of Youth on Nonviolence

Nonviolence is a power which can be wielded equally by all-children, young, men and women or grown-up people, provided they have a living faith in the God of Love, and have, therefore, equal love for all mankind. When nonviolence is accepted as the law of life, it must pervade the whole being and not be applied to isolated acts. With these thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi, the Samiti organized a day-long programme on “*Creative Expressions – Confluence of Youth on Nonviolence*” in Gandhi Darshan on October 6, 2018. Almost 200 participants from different colleges took part in the programme.



A participant shares her perspective during the programme in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.



Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan addresses the youth participants during the programme.

The overarching goal of this confluence was to make an environment where one could understand and propagate the philosophies of nonviolence which Mahatma Gandhi taught to enliven our surroundings in a holistic way. Here students used different techniques like posters, slogans, speeches, poetry, group presentations, plays, etc., and came up with their own creative expressions to showcase the theme of the confluence which were: “*Non-Violence and Self; Non-Violence and Nature, Non-Violence and Beings and Power of Non-Violence*”.

Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Director GSDS in his welcome address, encouraged the students to work in their colleges and communities in different areas of non-violence and called upon them to join in the activities of the GSDS as part of the 150th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

The programme began with an introduction by Shadab Singh from Zakir Hussain College; Aasia from Jamia Millia Islamia and Isha from Amity University, in which Shadab emphasized on the core issue non-violence and its importance in the present world scenario. He also added that there should be more and more efforts to keep our mind and heart clean. We need to understand the fine line between ego and Self-respect.



A participant takes a pledge to work in the community during the programme.

Isha while sharing her perspective said that we are living in a time when violence has gripped the world. Non-violence is the most powerful tool. Silence is the real answer to a loud person. It takes lots of courage to become soft. War is very easy and it can finish people in seconds, but it takes courage to talk and solve problems.

Aasia, youth leader from Jamia Millia Islamia talked about ‘Non-Violence Communication’. She talked about the five pillars such as ‘respect’, ‘understanding’ ‘appreciation’, ‘acceptance’ and ‘compassion’. She further emphasized that non-violence communication is the basic pillar of peaceful society and referred to The Peace Gong global children’s newspaper, (an initiative with which she is engaged) and said that they are practicing and preaching non-violence in terms of communication and understanding people around them.

Plays from Rajdhani College and Zakir Hussain College were based on the self-realization in which they highlighted small incidents from the life of Mahatma Gandhi. Team *Tryambakam* of Rajdhani College gave a powerful performance on *Dost: Mohan Das* in which they depicted the life of young Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi and his best friend Sheikh Abdullah where on pursuance of Sheikh Abdullah young Moniya ate meat, but later on vowed never to touch it as it had upset him on the thought of killing of innocent animals.

Pratiksha Jha from Kamala Nehru College came up with her beautiful poem named ‘*Puch Tu Khud Se*’ which contained very deep message of non-violence and self.

Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu and Ms. Kanak Kaushik, who coordinated the programme, discussed at length ideas of non-violence communication and how students could take up initiatives in their respective colleges.

Academic heads of several institutions were felicitated with Charkhas on the occasion. Participants from Satyawati College and IGNOU also took part in the programme.

Theatre performance entitled "Gandhi Ne Kaha Tha" staged

The Samiti in association with Gandhi Hindustani Sahitya Sabha, New Delhi staged a theatre performance entitled *Gandhi Ne Kaha Tha* in Shri Ram Centre, Mandi House on October 11, 2018. The programme was dedicated to the 150 birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

Directed by Shri Arvind Singh and written by Shri Rajesh Kumar, the play describes the role of Mahatma Gandhi in India's freedom struggle; his life and principles and thereby showcased the relevance of the Gandhian philosophy in the contemporary context. 26 artistes on stage depicted different episodes from Gandhiji's life. While, the music for the play was given by Shri Arvind Singh, Shri Prasun Narayan and Shri Govind Singh Yadav coordinated the sound and light arrangements.

Youth Conclave – Vimarsh 2018 organised

The Samiti in collaboration with *Samartha Shiksha Samiti* organised a "Youth Conclave – Vimarsh 2018" at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre from October 22-24, 2018. Eminent journalist Shri Prabhu Chawla inaugurated the three-day conclave. Participants from different institutions from Delhi University took part in the conclave. Acharya Amit Brahmachari from Mata Amritanandmaiyee Math; Shri J Nand Kumar from the RSS were other dignitaries who took part in the programme. The programme was presided over by Shri Rajnish Jindal. Eminent speakers from the domain of "Law and Polity"; "Science and Technology"; "Language Literature and Journalism" and "Generic" addressed the three-day conclave. Over 300 participants took part in the deliberations of the three-day conclave.

Delivering the inaugural address, Shri Prabhu Chawla lamented that today the youth does not actually know their role towards society. He said that the youth needs to be provided with a direction by their mentors. He said youth in journalism, must learn to say truth.

Some of the sessions of the three-day conclave were: Workshop on How to start a Startup; Workshop on CV Building ; Panel discussion on "How to seek truth in era of fake news?"; Role of Youth in Environment Sustainability and Rural Development.

The valedictory session was chaired by Shri Ranga Hari. Certificates were distributed on the occasion.

Training on "Youth Leadership and Community Development" organised

Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK), District North West Delhi and GSDS jointly organised three-days residential training programme on "Youth Leadership and Community Development" in Gandhi Darshan from February 4-6, 2019. Almost 100 youth from different parts of Delhi and NCR took part in the programme. Dr. Atul Kumar Pandey, District Youth Coordinator NYK was present on the occasion.



(Above): Shri Atul Kumar Pandey District Youth Coordinator of Nehru Yuva Kendra is seen interacting with a participant (below), as other resource persons are all ears.

Various sessions were organised as part of the training programme. They were:

1. Role of Social Media and IT
2. CPR and Life Support System,
3. Life Skills- Communication, body language, etc
4. Financial Literacy – Banking, Fund Management, Investment, etc.
5. Community and Development
6. Flagship Programmes of Government of India and Empowering People
7. Life and Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi

Training on “Youth Leadership and Community Development”

The Samiti in association with Nehru Yuva Kendra, Central Delhi and Najafgarh, organised a three-days residential training programme on “Youth Leadership and Community Development” in Gandhi Darshan from February 8-10, 2019. Shri Ruchitra Narayan Tyagi, Distt Youth Coordinator, NYK District East coordinated the programme. 120 youth in the age-group of 18-24 from Central Delhi, East Delhi and South West Delhi took part in the programme. The chief guest at the inauguration of the three-day training programme was Dr. K Mahesh, Dist Magistrate, East Delhi. Shri S A Jamal, Administrative Officer, GSDS was the guest of honour.



(Above): Resource persons addressing the youth participants at the ‘Youth Leadership and Community Development’ training programme in Gandhi Darshan; as participants (below), engage in a group activity during the programme.



A youth participant shares her views on leadership during the training programme.

The various sessions with the participants by resource persons drawn from several organisations and experts during the three-day programme were:

1. Life Skills – body language, listening skill, conflict resolution;
2. Formation of Youth club, Community Development, Life Skill, Volunteerism;
3. Community and Development, objective and role
4. Flagship Programmes of Government of India and Empowering People
5. Life and Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi
6. Health and Services, Productive Health

Role of Youth for National Development discussed at 11th Tribal Youth Exchange Programme

The Samiti in association with Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, Delhi, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, organised a seven-day 11th Tribal Youth Exchange Programme on the “Role of Youth for National Development from February 15-21, 2019 in Gandhi Darshan. Almost 200 tribal youth and 20 escorts took part in the programme that discussed a wide range of issues on national development, role of youth, conservation of the rich tribal cultural heritage, etc.

The programme was inaugurated on February 15, 2019 at Gandhi Darshan. The chief guest of the programme was Shri Bipin Behari Singh, Mayor, East Delhi. Other guests included Shashi Sharma, Shri B P Dhiani, representative from the Ministry of Home Affairs; Smt. Geeta Shukla, Research Officer, GSDS, Shri Sunil Chauhan, Social Worker; Shri Veerender Khatri, State Director NYK and R. N. Tyagi, District Youth Coordinator, East.



Shri Bipin Behari Singh, Mayor, East Delhi (extreme right), Smt. Geeta Shukla, Research Officer GSDS, Shri Veerender Khatri, State Director NYK and Shri R N Tyagi, District Youth Coordinator, East NYK at the inaugural programme in Gandhi Darshan.



(Left) Shri Bipin Behari Singh, Mayor, East Delhi, who was the chief guest at the inaugural programme is seen delivering the inaugural address during the programme, as participants (R) are in rapt attention.

The aim of the programme was also to bring the Adivasi youth to the mainstream and develop a cultural linkage with other cultures. The effort has also been to bring the economically downtrodden sections of the Adivasis from the Naxal affected areas to the mainstream by empowering them with different financial knowhow.

Resource persons from different areas and experts addressed the participants on various issues such as:

1. Sustainable Livelihood in Tribal Communities and how these could be replicated in the mainstream;
2. Conservation of Environment and Safe Water;
3. Orientation on Career Guidance and Self-employment, leadership, personality Development and Life Skill;
4. Sharing of unique traditional knowledge and communication pattern and contributing to conservation of biodiversity and environmental protection;
5. Tribal System of Alternate Medicine and Adivasi Sansad to discuss the local and Developmental issues of the Adivasis
6. Indian Education and Culture,
7. Communication Skill, etc



(Above): Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Shri Manoj Tiwari addresses the participants (below) during the programme.

Field Visits, interaction with local youth clubs, cultural programme, visits to historical sites such as Gandhi Smriti were organised during the programme. Declamation contests, presentations by participants were other feature of the programme.

Programmes for Women

Improving livelihood opportunities of Tribal Women for economic prosperity

The Samiti organized a seminar on "Empowerment of Tribal Women by improved livelihood options through values-addition of Mahuwa Flower" jointly with the Hodopathy Ethno (Medicine Doctor's Association of India, Ranchi, Jharkhand) and Torang Trust at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat on April 27, 2018. Almost 40 participants took part in the seminar.



(Above): Speakers at the programme addresses the participants (below).

The seminar was attended by Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu (Programme Officer, GSDS); Ms Geeta Shukla (Research Officer, GSDS), Dr. Vasavi Kiro (Ex-member, Jharkhand State Commission for Women), Dr. P. P. Hembrom (American Awardee, best ethnobotanists on indigenous system of medicine), Dr. Anil K. Goel (former Scientist) and the Adivasis, especially the collectors of Mahua flowers who are using Mahua for different purposes. Activists proactively working for awareness related

to Mahua and even teachers from different schools of Jharkhand who are working on deepening the roots of cultural values of Mahua amongst students with the focus on teaching the student about the malpractices of Mahua took part.

The aim of the seminar was to discuss the ongoing malpractices related to Mahua and ways to evolve understanding about the advantages of using Mahua as medicine and other products such as sweets, pickles, jelly, etc, which in turn, will empower the tribal communities.

Smt. Geeta Shukla speaking at the inauguration of the seminar introduced GSDS to the participants. While speaking in the seminar, she said that we have been living here in cities where we have forgotten the facilities nature has provided to us even at free of cost. She expressed her happiness that through the experience of experts and participants present here, the sessions will enable to enrich the knowledge related to herbs and others.

Dr. P. P. Hembrom, shared his experiences that how he has spent his whole life while working with indigenous species. He apprised that Hodopathy, the unique traditional medicinal system belonging to Jharkhand's Tribal community, can cure many diseases. He said that more importantly, natural herbs and their extracts, does not have any side-effect on the patient.

The seminar concluded with presentation, interactive session and experience sharing by Hodopathy practitioners such as Punia Xalxo, Samble Singh Munda, Clamensia Kjur, Elizabeth Jahanaara and Mansingh Munda.

Seminar on Gram Shilpi: Empowerment of Rural Women

As part of the *Gandhi Exchange Programme* (GEP), the Samiti organised a seminar on "Gram Shilpi: Empowerment of Rural Women" in Gandhi Darshan on June 11, 2018. The objective was to give an insight to different facets of the life of Mahatma Gandhi. 30 Participants from Vijapur Taluka of Gujarat state, from the Gujarat Vidyapeeth took part. The visit was also the part of 'Gram Shilpi Programme' of Gujarat University. Shri Jaydeep was the coordinator in behalf of the concerned University.

The seminar began with the orientation given by Ms. Geeta Shukla (Research Officer, GSDS), on the background and the activities of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti. She began her session by enthralling the interest of visitors with her utmost understanding of journey of "Mohandas to Mahatma" while keeping the context of *Sarvodaya* (the universal Uplift or progress of all). She expounded the way the Father of the Nation attained his wisdom and set his gospel about the truth. Ms Shukla further apprised on the stories such as how the act of Raja Harish Chandra inspired Gandhiji to walk his life through the truth, what made him to pledge for living his whole life as Vegetarian, etc.



Ms. Smita Vats founder Director of ITIHAAS gave a consolidated understanding of life of Mahatma. She explained how the presence of two ladies namely Smt Putlibai Gandhi and Smt. Kasturba Gandhi changed and disciplined the way Gandhiji explored the way of life. Like, from his mother, he learnt the benefit of Physical Labour, Determination, Discipline and Time Management, etc.

While briefing about the presence of Ba in decisions of Gandhiji, she pointed out that when Ba and Babu got married they were almost of same age and as a child Kasturba ji always fought for equality which turned Mahatma to understand the equality men-women should have which he carried on her every activity.

She further focused over the peculiarities of using charkha as a symbol of *Swaraj* by Gandhiji. She said that Charkha was the only single door where rich-poor-male-female could meet, a symbol of Unity. She also explained the scientific significance behind using Charkha, as when we are spinning then our mind, hands and eyes are working in tandem thus as to enhance the motor abilities while keeping a person engaged in meditation. Here the spinner could see the change S/he is creating with every effort thus maintaining optimism in actions leading to self-confidence which was a small step but a basic need for a nation to be built on the belief of *Swaraj*.

A tour of the GSDS museum and Gandhi Samadhi Rajghat was also undertaken during the programme.



Ms. Smita Vats, Founder Director, ITIHAAS (Top L) is seen addressing the participants from Viapur Taluka of Gujarat in Gandhi Darshan.

Gender Training for Adolescent Girls

The Samiti in association with the Institute of Social Studies Trust (ISST), organized a two-day training programme on "Gender Training for Adolescent Girls under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao" was organized from June 27-28, 2018 in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat. The participants included adolescent girls of age group from 14-20 years of age from slum communities and resettlement colonies of Kalyanpuri and Trilokpuri areas.

The training programme was the part of an action based research project namely "Creating

an enabling environment for realizing aspirations of adolescent girls in urban slum". The objective of this project was to explore and understand the resources and opportunities that adolescent girls belonging to underprivileged families needs to support their aspirations for life skills, education and careers. It focuses on enhancing the personal, family and community resources and capacities to support adolescent girls in meeting their aspirations. It includes free of cost support in education including Life skill trainings and counselling.

During the training, girls were made aware of gender based discriminations in the society and trained to how to deal effectively with such issues. Also the attempt was to make girls rethink on their learnt practices and socialization and make responsible decisions.

Mahila Anna Swaraj reiterates commitment towards protection of food heritage and nutrition as 'Our Birthright'

A meeting of *Mahila Anna Swaraj - Our Food Heritage, Our Nutrition and Our Birth Right* was organised on August 9, 2018 at Gandhi Smriti, by Navdanya, Diverse Women for Diversity Guild of Services in association with GSDS, commemorating the 76th anniversary of the historic Quit India Movement. The programme began with the lighting of the lamp by Dr. Vandana Shiva, Dr. Mohini Giri, Smt. Laxmi Venkatasan, Dr. Jyotsana Chatterjee and others.

The programme was attended by over 90 participants, which included several NGOs, social workers and school children. The programme as part of the Quit India Movement was a follow up of the decision taken in its earlier meeting held on July 12, 2018 at Hauz Khas, New Delhi.

Speaking on the occasion Dr. Vandana Shiva appealed: "Take ownership for our own nutrition. Buy local, organic and sustainably grown food. Eat seasonally. Know our farmers. Boycott industrial processed and packaged food. Join us in the Anna Swaraj Campaign - Our Food, Our Nutrition, Our Birth Right".

BHAGWANTPUR VILLAGE, KANPUR

Awareness programme for Making Women aware on the Activities of the Panchayat System

A one-day seminar on 'Women Empowerment' was organized by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti on 27th November, 2018 at Bhagwantpur

village, Kanpur. About 400 women and girls from 7 Gram Panchayats near Bhagwantpur village participated in the program. A good number of male participants were also present in the seminar. Four themes were covered in this workshop, these topics are:

1. Family Values and Social Beliefs : Dr. Sanjay Tiwari
2. Domestic Violence : Dr. Babita Tiwari
3. Networking in Panchayats : Dr. Navodita Panday
4. Women Health and Hygiene : Ms. Ashrita Shukla

Dr. Sanjay Tiwari said that family is an institution and there is a mechanism to run a family in a smooth manner with soft skills. "If we will not understand the feelings of each others in a family, there are possibilities of conflicts. The most important part is to respect each other. It doesn't matter that someone is younger than you or elder than you. You have to realize the value of a relation and accept your responsibility. Only 'Love and Compassion' is a key to sustain a healthy and smiley relationship".



Shri Gulshan Gupta, N.E. Coordinator, GSDS speaks to the participants during the programme.

Dr. Babita Tiwari (Sociologist) spoke on Domestic Violence. She said that when a woman does not get her rights inside the walls of a house is domestic violence. "Each and every woman must understand and know their rights and powers which have been given by the constitution of India. If you are being suffered (physically, mentally or financially) by a man in a house, you must raise your voice against this because it is a matter of domestic violence. If you will not counter these forms of violence happening against you than no one will help. If you will not speak out your issues and concerns, it means you are creating a communication gap. A gap in a dialogue will affect the entire mechanism of communication chain", she emphasised.

Stressing on the need to establish a network of all the Panchayats, Dr. Navodita Panday said that as communication is important in a family, similarly in Panchayats also, communication is very much required to share valuable ideas and to establish an Adarsh Gram Panchayat. "Today there are so many communication tools which are more powerful to spread your voice. You may use social media platforms to raise and discuss your thoughts. Through these platforms you can spread your views to a global audience. You can propagate your ideas and publicize your programs through different social media channels like Whatsapp, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. but for this you must know how to handle or run these platforms. You can make your Panchayat's contacts strong by using different communication platforms".



A view of the participants during the awareness programme in Bhagwantpur Village in Kanpur.

Ms. Ashrita Shukla (Lecturer, Advertising) expressed her views on 'Women Health & Hygiene'. She showed some video and audio clips which were focused on sanitation and hygiene for women. Some dialogues from the films 'Toilet- Ek Prem Katha' and 'Padman' were also showed by her. She said education is very much important for every girl. An educated girl makes a family educated. "When you will be educated, you will be able to understand the development and changes happening everyday in the society. Health and hygiene is all about awareness", she said.

National Camp for Women

Gandhi Peace Foundation and the Samiti jointly organised a five-day National camp for Women in Gandhi Darshan from December 25-29, 2018. Almost 50 women participants from different parts of the country took part in the camp. The participants were part of the Samvad Yatra which began from Sabarmati to Kashmir from October 21, 2018. The states that were represented included: Gujarat, Rajasthan, Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, Jammu, Udhampur and Srinagar etc. Senior resource persons from varied fields such

as journalism, grassroots workers, academicians and others took part in the interactive session held with the participants. The camp was inaugurated by Journalist Ravish Kumar from NDTV.



Shri Kumar Prashant, Chairperson Gandhi Peace Foundation, speaking to the participants during the national camp.

The participants are seen doing Shramdan as part of their activity.



The sessions included:

- *Symbiotic relationship of Man and Woman – Shri Apurvanand from Delhi University*
- *Democracy and Girl Child – Smt. Kamla Bhasin, noted author and social activist*
- *Editors and Girl Child – Shri Kumar Prashant, Chairperson, Gandhi Peace Foundation*
- *Women and Health – Dr. Ritupriya from J.N.U*

During the three-days, the participants performed Shramdaan at the Gandhi Darshan complex near the Birsa Munda Park. Meditation and spiritual discourses was also conducted during the workshop.

Smt. Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee former VC GSDS, Dr Y P Anand, former Director National Gandhi Museum also interacted with the participants. Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan also interacted with the participants.

UKHIMATH, UTTARAKHAND

Workshop on Female Health and Hygiene

The Samiti in association with Pyare Foundation (Promoter of Society Culture and Heritage) organised a "Workshop on Female Health and Hygiene" in Ukhimath, Block Sabhagar, Rudraprayag, Uttarakhand on December 10, 2018. The workshop was designed to discuss and deliberate about female health of the villages and reach consensus for the female health issues and concerns. The aim and objective was to serve females and award female leaders by introducing them to talks and comments of experts, experienced professionals and others. Doctors, female activists, Pradhans and school and college teachers took part in the workshop. 35 Gram Panchayats also took part on the occasion. Dr. Sachin Chaubey, Deputy CMO, Ukhimath Uttarakhand was also present on the occasion. Dr. Anjali Thapliyal, President also attended the programme.



Resource persons (Above) and participants (Below) during the awareness programme in Ukhimath, Uttarakhand organised by GSDS in association with Pyare Foundation.

The other speakers included Sunita Vashist, Principal of Jaquesian Inter College; Upasana Semwal, who was awarded the "Teeru Rohteli" award. Shri Chandi Prasad, Poorva Jila Panchayat President and Sudha Semwal, poet and teacher, Shri Vijay Rana, Nagar Panchayat President and Dr. Kailash took part in the programme.

The speakers reiterated that there is a need to:

- Initiate female campaign in the villages on different issues related to female health and hygiene;
- To make schools, a part of the campaigns where school children need awareness and better understanding of health, hygiene;
- To aware female population about their rights and privileges, especially in villages;
- To take care of chronic diseases and refer the cases to the higher medical authorities if needed.
- To train pharmacist with quality training modules and templates through institutes that collaborate with government
- Start campaigns related to sanitary pads and aware female population about the same and distribute the pads if possible.

Kasturba Gandhi remembered on her 75th Death Anniversary

The Samiti observed the 75th death anniversary of Kasturba Gandhi by organising several commemorative programmes across Delhi and even in Varanasi. Kasturba Gandhi's death anniversary is also observed as *Kasturba Nirvan Divas* every year.



The Samiti jointly organised a programme in association with the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), Regional Centre 2, during which a sarva dharma prarthana sabha (inter-faith prayer meet) was organised. Dr. Rita Chauhan, Asst Regional Director IGNOU and Dr. D P Singh Asst Regional Director IGNOU spoke on the occasion. Dr. K D Prasad, Regional Director IGNOU RC-2 also shared his opinion on women empowerment. The staff of GSDS and IGNOU narrated hymns from the religious scriptures.



GSDS staff leading the inter-faith prayer meet in Gandhi Darshan to mark the 75th Nirvan Divas of Kasturba Gandhi.



Dr. K D Prasad, Regional Director of IGNOU RC 2 addressing the gathering.



Shri Gulshan Gupta shared his experiences about the role of women especially *Meira Paibi* in Manipur and Asia's cleanest village in Meghalaya that is managed by women. Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer GSDS also shared the story of a 16 year old in Belgium, Ms. Greta Thunberg, who started the movement in her country on climate change by going on a strike and forcing the government to act.

Another uniqueness of this year's 75th death anniversary of Kasturba Gandhi was the participation of a large number of schools from Delhi and NCR. Over 3000 participants took part in the programme. Some of the institutions that took part were:



1. Children of Gaur's International School, Gaur City offer their tribute to Kasturba Gandhi;
2. Summer Fields School, Gurugram pays tribute to 'Ba'
3. Indirapuram Public School students join in the commemorative programme;
4. Sun Valley International School students pay tribute to Ba during the Morning Assembly.

Children and teachers led by the management and Principal of the schools such as: *Gaur's International School, Gaur City; Summer Fields School, Gurugram, Jaspal Kaur Public School, Shalimar Bagh; Indirapuram Public School Indirapuram; R M Modern School NOIDA; Billabong International High School, Greater NOIDA; Sun Valley International School, Vaishali; Sulabh Public School, Dwarka; Shri Sanatan Dharam Saraswati Bal Mandil, Punjabi Bagh; Greenfields School, Shalimar Garden; Sri Venkateshwar International School, Dwarka; Swastik Public School, Village Ibrahimpur; Kasturba Balika Vidyalaya, Ishwar Nagar and St. Thomas School Indirapuram offered their tributes to Kasturba Gandhi.*



Children and teachers of Sulabh Public School along with their Principal join in the prayers to mark the 75th death anniversary of Kasturba Gandhi in their school.



Students and faculty members of Ram Lal Anand College, Delhi University participate in a march to mark the 75th Kasturba Nirvan Divas.

Where some schools through the children's presentations brought to light the inspirational life of Kasturba Gandhi, there were some others who through songs of progressive poets such as Kamla Bhasin and Ram Dhun on the occasion. Some others sang self-composed songs on the life of Ba reflecting on the role of women in the society and women empowerment.



Children from East Point School Vasundhara present a song as tribute to 'Ba'.



Presentation of skit by children from Kasturba Balika Vidyalaya, Okhla as a tribute to Kasturba Gandhi.

Gandhi Study Circle of Ram Lal Anand College also joined the occasion to pay tribute to Kasturba Gandhi. Over 500 students of the college also organised a Peace rally from the campus of RLA College to South Campus today. Dr. Devendra Kumar, Convenor, Gandhi Study Circle, RLA College led the students on this occasion.

The staff of the Samiti Shri Sameer, Shri Vivek and others on duty at Prayagraj Kumbh offered tributes to Kasturba Gandhi on her 75th Nirvan Divas.

Further, Kasturba Mahila Vidyapeeth Intermediate College, Sewapuri, Varanasi also offered rich tributes to Ba led by their principal, Smt. Anita Singh.

The participants also offered their tribute to the Pulwama Martyrs on the occasion.

Peace prayer marks International Women's Day

Guild of Services, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti joined together in celebrating the International Women's Day in Gandhi Smriti on March 8, 2019 in Gandhi Smriti by organising an interfaith peace prayer meet. Religious leaders from different faiths, singers, members from the civil society; children from a school run by the

Guild of Services in Najafgarh and others took part in the programme. The Chief Guest on the occasion was Smt. Gursharan Kaur, wife of former Prime Minister of India, Dr. Manmohan Singh. Smt. Uma Prabhu, wife of Union Minister of Civil Aviation, Government of India Shri Suresh Prabhu was the guest of honour on the occasion. Veteran actress and social worker Smt. Sushma Seth also attended the programme along with the Chairperson of Guild of Services, Dr. V. Mohini Giri.



Celebration of the International Women's Day in Gandhi Smriti was marked with prayers, songs of Kabir and other patriotic songs. A pledge for peace & harmony was administered. The programme was attended by Smt. Gursharan Kaur as the chief guest.

Songs of Kabir, Tulsidas and others rang in the atmosphere of Gandhi Smriti, the site of the Martyrdom of Mahatma Gandhi. Smt. Kumud Dewan paid her tribute to the soldiers by singing well-known writer Shri Jai Dev's composition *Jo Samar Me Ho Gaye Amar*.

Shri Rajiv Chandran, In-Charge United Nations Information Centre for India and Bhutan delivered the message of the UN Secretary General, H.E. Mr. Antonio Guterres. The extract of the message is as under:

Gender equality and women's rights are fundamental to global progress on peace and security, human rights and sustainable development. We can only re-establish trust in institutions, rebuild global solidarity and reap the benefits of diverse perspectives by challenging historic injustices and promoting the rights and dignity of all.

This year's theme for International Women's Day, "Think Equal, Build Smart, Innovate for Change", addresses infrastructure, systems and frameworks that have been constructed largely in line with a male-defined culture. We need to find innovative ways of reimagining and rebuilding our world so that it works for everyone. Women decision-makers in areas like urban design, transport and public services can increase women's access, prevent harassment and violence, and improve everyone's quality of life...

On this International Women's Day, let's make sure women and girls can shape the policies, services and infrastructure that impact all our lives. And let's support women and girls who are breaking down barriers to create a better world for everyone.

Shri Rajdeep Pathak Programme Executive GSDS said that the success of the Satyagraha movement with special emphasis on the Dandi March of March 1930 was inextricably linked with the active participation of women. He said that under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi, burning of foreign clothes, picketing of liquor shops and other such activities were predominantly undertaken by women. Quoting Mahatma Gandhi he said, that Gandhi believed: "I would love to find that my future army contained a vast preponderance of women over men".

The programme concluded with children from the *Sannidhi Primary School* in Najafgarh singing *Hum Honge Kamyab Ek Din...* (We Shall Overcome some day...).



Celebration of the International Women's Day in Gandhi Darshan marked by sharing of ideas from speakers (Above and Below L-R): Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Director GSDS; Mrs. Sangeeta Verma, homemaker; Ms. Sangeeta Sharma, Founder Director Anveshana Society for Performing Arts; Ms. Avnika, student and freelancer; Mrs. Geeta Shukla, Research Officer, GSDS; Ms. Madhumita Khan, Director Indu Arts Theatre and Film Society; Ms. Kanak Kaushik from GSDS and Ms. Saumya Aggarwal, Director, Youth for Peace International.

MY VOICE – A Dialogue to Promote International Women's Day

On the occasion of International Women's Day, Gandhi Smriti and Gandhi Darshan collaborated with IGNOU and Youth for Peace International to celebrate and discuss the role of women in peace-building. The theme that was chosen was *MY VOICE*. Women from different walks of life came together to share their life journeys, struggles and how their contributing to the bigger vision of Mahatma Gandhi. Almost 150 participants took part in the programme.

Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan in his welcome address talked about how women are playing an important role in different leadership position and he further talked about why there is a need for change and awareness among the people.

Dr. Dinesh Kataria from IGNOU started the session on 'Stress Management'. He shared with students that life should have both achievement and enjoyment. It was an interactive session where he pointed that not everyone can do everything so it's necessary to maintain a balance and accept the fact. He further explained that one of the biggest reasons for imbalance is relationship is that they have become very demanding these days. "Setting limits for ourselves is very important and it applies in every situation", he said, adding, "Prioritizing and knowing your limits is very important".

He further emphasised on how young people compare themselves with others which leads to stress and a lot of times they feel low and de-motivated. Lastly, he shared how important it is to say 'NO' for our mental health. At times we take a lot of work or we face difficulty in saying NO and thereby by doing this we are actually harming our mental health and inner peace.



Dr. Dinesh Kataria from IGNOU speaking to the participants on 'Stress Management' on the occasion.



(Extreme Right) Ms. Anju Grover speaking at the panel discussion, as (From L to R): Ms. Saumya Aggarwal, Master Vivaan, Ms. Sheetal, Ms. Pushpalata Bharadwaj, and Ms. Amita Joshi join the forum.

Ms Sangita Verma who's a homemaker shared how difficult it was to leave her job for taking care of her kids and support her husband. She further expressed that this comes as an obvious responsibility, either you sacrifice on your kids/ family or you sacrifice on your job. "Starting from managing everything at home to learning scooty myself, has been a roller coaster ride", she said, adding, "Even though I left my job but I never stopped learning and growing".

Ms Sangeeta Sharma, Director and Choreographer of *Anveshana Society for Performing Arts* and an eminent danseuse shared how she uses performing arts to create awareness about sensitive issues related to women. She has been into this field from last 24 years and she shared how the impact of any of her repertoire starts from her team and then to the audience. "Performing arts is a great visual tool which can be used to sensitize people and make people aware about different issues".

Ms. Kavita from IGNOU recited a poem on how despite all progress in the society, women are the most vulnerable lot even today. Avnika complemented her poem through a poetry slam.



Children from Intergenerational Learning Centre of Healthy Aging India in NOIDA presenting a skit on gender issues.

Children from different Rhydhun Cultural Academy presented cultural performances. Skit on 'environment' and 'gender issues' was presented by children from the Intergenerational Learning Centre of Healthy Aging India at NOIDA.



Children from Rydhun Cultural Academy perform a Kathak recital on the occasion.

Ms. Madhumita. Khan, Director Indu Arts Theatre and Film Socceity shared about her struggles and how she faced them with fearlessness after her inter-caste marriage. She pointed out that it was after her husband's demise that she took to theatre again and performed comedies only to survive for her daughter.

A panel discussion was conducted to further discuss the challenges being faced by the women of different generations and how can we build a partnership between all the generations. Conducted by Saumya Aggarwal, Founder of Youth for Peace International, the panellists included Smt. Amita Joshi, Founder Director, "Institute of Social Studies Trust" and a child psychologist; Ms. Anju Grover, senior journalist with over three decades of mainstream journalism; Ms. Pushplata Bharadwaj, coordinator of Intergenerational Learning Centre, Healthy Ageing India, the youngest Mr Vivaan, co-founder of OneStepGreener which is working towards reducing carbon footprints and reducing Delhi Pollution and Ms. Sheetal who's the founder of Clownselors who believes in spreading smile to heal people.

A street play by the students of Sri Venkateswara College's Dramatic Society, "Anubhuti" on 'gender equality' on the theme "Tujhe Kya Naam Doon" was another highlight of the programme.

Dr. Ditpi Chauhan, In-Charge Regional Director IGNOU RC-2 proposed the vote of thanks on the occasion.

Programmes in Tihar

Free Eye Check-Up Camp organised at Tihar, Central Jail-2

A free-eye check up camp was held in Jail No 2, Tihar Prisons on April 27, 2018. Organised by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti with the coordination and help of doctors from the R P Centre of AIIMS, the camp saw the participation of almost 204 inmates who took the free treatment. Dr. Manju Aggarwal, Shri Sushil Kumar Shukla represented the GSDS at the camp. Mr. Amresh Thakur from Shri R K Aggarwal Foundation represented his organisation.

Shri R K Memorial Foundation gave free medicines to all the participating inmates. DIG Prisons, Shri S K Parihar from Prison Headquarters visited the camp was expressed his enthusiasm over more such camps.



An eye camp being conducted in Tihar Central Jail -2.

Master Tarachand from Eye Bank delivered lecture on eye care and eye donation. 46 inmates took part and also pledged for eye donation.

The doctors prescribed spectacles for 174 patients; five patients were advised for cataract surgery and one patient was detected with Glaucoma. 24 patients had normal vision. For cataract and glaucoma surgery, Jail authorities will coordinate with the AIIMS RP Centre, who will do the surgery for free.

Health camp in Central Jail 4 organised

Dr. Manju Aggarwal, Resource Person GSDS of Tihar Central Prisons organised a health camp in Central Jail No 4 on "ENT"; TB and "HIV Screening"; and "Chest" on February 12, 2019. Doctors from the NITRD (National Institute of Tuberculosis and Respiratory Diseases), Mehrauli conducted the

camp. 130 patients were examined for Chest and Respiratory Diseases; 120 patients were examined for ENT; 22 patients were examined for sputum test for CB NET. HIV counselling was conducted for 25 patients.



A health camp being organised in Tihar.

Dr. Aggarwal also gave a talk on Health and Hygiene for 50 patients. While Dr. Khalid gave a talk on TB on the Tihar Community Radio, Dr. Aggarwal spoke on health and hygiene at the Tihar FM channel.



Health camps in Tihar by GSDS with Doctors from AIIMS; Awareness workshops on TB and Respiratory diseases being conducted by Dr. Manju Aggarwal.



Mahatma Gandhi Exchange Programmes

Two-day Gandhi Youth Exchange Programme for Adivasi children as part of the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi

As part of the two-day Gandhi Youth Exchange Programme, 40 children from the Adivasi belt took part in an interactive session. The programme was arranged from the office of the Hon'ble Speaker of the Lok Sabha and the Ministry of Culture.



Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan (Above-C) addresses the participating youth (below) in Gandhi Darshan.

The children were from Belaghat, Madhya Pradesh and represented the following: Government Higher Secondary School, Khajra; Eklavya Aadarsh Aawaseey Vidyalaya, Sijhora, Government Higher Secondary School, Kumadehi; Government Higher Secondary School, Garhi and Kanha Tiger Reserve Mandla.

Speaking to the children, Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan asked them about their journey to which the children spoke from their heart saying that they had never imagined this journey to be so meaningful and filled with knowledge. Besides visiting historical places, the children had also seen the exhibition on the life and message of Mahatma Gandhi entitled "My Life is My Message" at Gandhi Darshan. They also paid their homage to Gandhiji at Rajghat.



Rajdeep Pathak, Programme Executive GSDS is seen conducting a session with the participating youth in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.



The participating youth during the 'Mahatma Gandhi Exchange Programme' with copies of "Dost Mohandas" which were gifted to them by Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan.

He further extended his invitation to the children to organise special programmes during Gandhi Jayanti (October 2) and Martyrdom Day (January 30) and said that the Samiti would collaborate for such programmes. The children were gifted 'Dost Mohandas', a GSDS publication on M K Gandhi as a child.

Earlier, speaking to the children, Rajdeep Pathak, Programme Executive discussed on how children could impact their society and carry forward the constructive work of Mahatma Gandhi. He asked the children to form 'Moniya Peace Clubs' in their own school and pay a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on October 2nd by organising a sanitation drive through their respective institutions in their community.

The children also presented a 'Saraswati Vandana' on the occasion.



The participants join Shri Sushil and Shri Vivek from GSDS for a group photograph after their visit to the pavilion 'My Life is My Message' in Gandhi Darshan.

Gandhi Exchange Programme for children with disabilities

The Samiti organised a programme for children with special abilities in Gandhi Darshan from Wardha as part of the Gandhi Exchange programme from December 18-21, 2018. During their visit to Gandhi Darshan, the children visited Gandhi Smriti, besides other historical places.

An interaction was also organised with Shri Sopan Joshi, author and environmentalist on December 20, 2018. The children enjoyed the interaction that was filled with anecdotes and interesting stories from environment.

Further, on December 21, 2018, Smt. Shashwati Jhalani, former Librarian GSDS interacted with the children, sharing various anecdotes of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi

that carried eternal meaning such as 'honesty', 'truthfulness', 'steadfastness'.



Children with special abilities from Wardha in Gandhi Darshan during their visit (above) in an interaction with Shri Sopan Joshi. (Below): Smt. Shashwati Jhalani (extreme R) is seen interacting with children, as Shri Deepak coordinates with the other resource persons.



A visit to Gandhi Smriti was organised for the children from Wardha. Seen here above are children at the World Peace Gong in Gandhi Smriti alongwith the coordinators from GSDS, Shri Vivek and Shri Deepak (second row, extreme right).

Workshop for Children (inmates) of the Remand Home

A workshop on “Gandhian Values and Life Skill Education” was organized for children (inmates) of the Remand (Reform) Home at Noida Phase-II, Uttar Pradesh from December 19 to 20, 2018. About 190 juvenile offenders are in this remand home and from them 50 children took part in this workshop. All of them were from different family, economic, educational and social background. Mr. Atul Kumar Soni, District Probation Officer facilitated the workshop.

In this two days workshop, children were introduced to the Gandhian values of truth and non-violence. Health and hygiene is an important aspect of life skills that was introduced by Dr. Manju Aggarwal. She talked about different *Mudras* which are helpful for and if we practice them regularly we may stay fit for always. She also spoke to the children on different types of serious diseases like Hepatitis B & C which are directly connected to our immune system. She said maximum health diseases are because of food habits. We have to maintain a healthy food habit and have to eat nutritious food which is good for our health. Eating seasonal fruits and vegetables should be our priorities. Washing hands before and after taking food is essential as it is a basic of keeping ourselves hygiene.

An ice-breaking session was conducted by Mr. Gulshan Gupta in which a game of people-to-people coordination was played.

Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu (Programme Officer, GSDS) introduced the aim and objectives of the workshop to the children and also delivered the keynote address. He said that non-violence is the key to success. Mahatma Gandhi always practiced nonviolence throughout his life and led the freedom struggle in nonviolent way. It is a lesson for all of us that when we can struggle in nonviolent manner for achieving freedom then these small hurdles of life also can be solved by practicing nonviolence. He has discussed some good experience based ideas which were focusing on to deal with different conflict situations in life and not to compromise with truth in any circumstance.

All the sessions of the two days workshop were focused on life skills, value creation and Gandhian approach to truth and nonviolence. Mr. Gulshan Gupta asked the children to speak and write on ‘I am after 10 years’.

In the session on communication, one by one the participants were asked to deliver their

thought to the class. The outcome of the exercise was that they become more aware about their thoughts on what to be delivered. The participants stated that respecting self and others are equally important. Never try to demoralize yourself and not let them others to do the same.

‘Mind over Mood’: There is a strong connection between our thoughts (Mind) and how they influence our Mood and behavior. Just thinking positive is not that easy. Every incident happens in its particular time and circumstances. Similarly, to think positive we need to create such an environment where we could stay in positivity for a long time or life time. Mr. Gulshan Gupta was speaking in a session on the first day. Positivity begins with a conscious decision to shape a healthy lifestyle and that can happen at any age or any stage in life. Healthy food and great night sleep is not only a need of body, but these are not less than medicine for us.

In the valedictory session Mr. Atul Soni, District Probation Officer told the students about the difference between great personalities and common people. He said that great personalities have the bigger graph of social life than their personal life. They spend much time of their life to do something better for the society. He concluded with the thought that their contribution to the society will always remain alive in society. We all should try to live for others not only for ourselves.

Gandhi Exchange Programme on “Gandhian Constructive Programme” organised

A 34-member ‘constructive workers’ from Hamirpur visited GSDS as part of the Gandhi Exchange Programme during which orientation programme on Gandhian philosophy was also conducted by the GSDS staff. The delegation included youth members from the Gram Panchayat and Gram Sabhas. Gram Pradhans and community workers attended the exchange programme.



Srijan

SRIJAN – ENTREPRENEURIAL CENTRE

RPL Training programme for Champaran Auto Drivers conducted



Resource persons from different professions are seen conducting several life-skill sessions during the RPL Training Program in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.

As part of the initiative of the Pradhanmantri Skill Development Mission, the Samiti's Skill Development Centre organised the RPL training programme for the auto drivers of Champaran in Bihar in Gandhi Darshan on April 2, 4, 16, 25, 2018 respectively for 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th and batches respectively with the objective to recognise prior competencies of the assessed candidates and provide certificate and monetary reward on successful completion of the assessments.

The following were the resource persons who addressed the RPL trainees: Shri Prashant Srivastava, Dr. Manju Aggarwal, Shri Pawan Kumar, Shri Lalan Ram, Shri Vishwas Gautam.

Further another training program was conducted on May 14 and 22, 2018 respectively for 18th and 19th batches.

On May 14, the guests who addressed the auto drivers included: Dr. Manju Rani Aggarwal, Shri Pawan Kumar and Shri Vishwas Gautam. 33 participants took part in the 12-hour training session from 8.00 AM to 8.00 PM

On May 22, the trainers who conducted the session, included Shri Prashant Srivastava, Dr. Manju Aggarwal, Shri Pawan Kumar and Shri Vishwas Gautam, Social Activist. 45 participants took part in the programme.

Again training programs were conducted on June 1, 8, 12, 21, 29, and 29, 2018 respectively for 20 to 25 batches respectively. Another training programme for the 26th batch, was organized in Gandhi Darshan on August 27, 2018. Training was provided by Dr. Manju Aggarwal, Shri Pawan Kumar, Shri Lalan Ram and Shri Vishwas Gautam.

Drivers need to be more sensitive towards passengers: K D Prasad

"I congratulate the auto drivers for their successful training programme. You are indeed doing a service to the society which often the society fails to recognise", said Dr. K D Prasad, Regional Director (RC 2) of Indira Gandhi National Open University at the certificate distribution programme for the Champaran auto drivers as part of the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) program of the Pradhanmantri Skill Development Mission for 9th to 15th Batch. Certificates were distributed by Dr. B Mishra, Dr. K D Prasad, Shri S A Jamal, Smt. Geeta Shukla, Shri Prasun Latant, Shri Atul Prabhakar and Shri Harpal.

Speaking to about 100 auto drivers who had undertaken the training, Dr. Prasad on May 30,



(Above): A resource person is seen conducting the assessment examination as part of the training program.



(Below): Practical session being conducted in Gandhi Darshan.

2018, stressed on the concept of “Driver Friend” and urged that drivers need to be sensitive towards passengers. Calling their service as ‘dignity of work’, he asked them to reform themselves and help build an atmosphere of trust.



(Above)- From L to R: Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer GSDS, Shri S A Jamal, Administrative Officer GSDS, Dr. K D Prasad, Regional Director RC-2 IGNOU, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Director GSDS and Smt. Geeta Shukla, Research Officer GSDS at the certificate distribution ceremony in Gandhi Darshan.

(Below): Dr. K D Prasad is seen giving away certificates of RPL Training Program to the successful candidates as auto drivers from Champaran join the ceremony.

On being informed by Shri Viswash Gautam, Life Skill Trainer about the pledge taken by the auto drivers that they have resolved to give 2% rebate of actual fare to passengers who are unwell and those who are differently abled, Dr. Prasad stressed that such information must be sent to other departments such as transport, licensing, Ministry of Culture and documentation of such activities must be done on priority.

Sharing his perspective, Shri S A Jamal hoped that the training will help them in getting loans, etc and also help in making a better future for their children. He also asked them to help the customers and serve them with a smile.

Smt. Geeta Shukla who was present on the occasion referred to Ms. Melba Pria, Mexican Ambassador to India who has made auto as her official vehicle. She congratulated Viswas for his efforts in bringing people from Champaran to Gandhi Darshan and for introducing them to Gandhij's message and philosophy. “Please do not say ‘No’ to passengers when they come to you. You never know what urgency they might have”, she appealed.

Shri Vishwas in his reflections said that because of this programme, they have been able to help the family members of the auto drivers in getting admission for their children. Even some of the auto drivers have voluntarily donated blood to patients in different hospitals.

He also informed that on four special days of the year – August 15, October 2, January 26 and January 30, every year, the auto drivers from Champaran have resolved to render free service during the day for a particular period of time. He also informed that each of the auto drivers have further pledged to undertake cleanliness drive (*swachhatta abhiyaan*) every week in their respective (auto) stands.

Certificate distribution ceremony organised

A certificate distribution ceremony for the Champaran Auto Drivers as part of the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) under the PMKVY (Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojna) was undertaken on August 6, 2018 at Gandhi Darshan.

Eight batches of RPL (Automotive) were awarded. The batches that received the certificate were: 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22nd batch. 172 passed auto drivers were distributed certificates.



(Left): Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Director GSDS is seen giving away certificate to a successful candidate of the RPL Training Program, as Shri S A Jamal, Administrative Officer GSDS join the ceremony. (Right): Shri Biswajit Singh, Chief Coordinator of the R P L Training Program recognises the effort of a successful candidate by giving him a certificate.

The distinguished guests included: Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Director GSDS; Dr. K D Prasad, Regional Director (RC-2), IGNOU; Smt Geeta Shukla, Research Officer, GSDS; Shri S A Jamal, Administrative Officer, GSDS; Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer, GSDS; Prof. Raman, Asst. Professor, Delhi University and Ms. Puja Singh, Project Manager.

Speaking on this occasion, Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan said: "This unique initiative is being taken by the auto drivers for the first time in Delhi and the result is that the behaviour of the auto driver is changing", and added, "Through RPL training, the auto driver is told about his financial management, family management, stress management, naturopathy, his health care, cleanliness and career guidance of children of auto drivers. This training is being proved very useful".

The Director also said that in the coming days, we will also be providing them with Medical Vans on auto stand in association with AIIMS that would even cater to his and his family.

Dr. K. D. Prasad said that IGNOU could take responsibility for the education of the children of the auto drivers and assured that "Whatever will be made from us, we will do the needful".

He also said that "IGNOU wants to work as a 'Knowledge Partner' of GSDS and also takes responsibility for career guidance of children of auto drivers". Dr. Prasad also said during the programme that "the SC / ST children have free education system and the date of their nomination has also been extended from August 16 to August 25, 2018".



JUBILATIONS: Successful candidates of the R P L Training Programme with their recognition certificates in Gandhi Darshan after the certificate distribution ceremony announcement made by the field officers and coordinators of the RPL Training Program.

Programmes to Promote Hindi Language

Hindi Pakhwara (Fortnight) celebrated



Participants from the GSDS taking part in various competitions organised as part of the Hindi Pakhwara in both Gandhi Smriti and Gandhi Darshan.

Also seen are resource persons such as Shri Anand Saurabh (Inset below) and coordinators Shri Pankaj Chaubey and Shri Praveen Dutt Sharma conducting the proceedings during the competitions.



The Samiti organised the Hindi Pakhwara in both Gandhi Smriti and Gandhi Darshan from September 14-28, 2018 with the participation of staff of GSDS. Several competitions were organised such as 'niband', 'kavita path', 'bhashan' and 'kavya path'. Subjects such as *Hind Swaraj Ek Sandesh* were selected for speech competition. For poetry competition the subject was *swachh rehenge, swast banenge*.

Shri Anand Saurabh, Editor of Employment News (Hindi) was the judge for the programme. The Hindi Pakhwara was coordinated by Shri Parveen Dutt Sharma and Shri Pankaj Chaubey.



(Above): Dr. K D Prasad, Regional Director RC-2 IGNOU, (extreme Left) is seen addressing the gathering that included (from L to R) Shri S A Jamal, Administrative Officer GSDS, Shri Praveen Dutt Sharma, Hindi Officer, Shri Mohit Mohan, Office Supervisor, Shri Pankaj Chaubey, Joint-Editor, Publications Division GSDS and Smt. Geeta Shukla, Research Officer, GSDS at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat during the prize distribution ceremony.

The prize distribution of the "Hindi Pakhwara" which the Samiti organised in both Gandhi Smriti and Gandhi Darshan from September 14-28, 2018 was given on November 27, 2018 by Director GSDS Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan along with the Editor of Employment News Shri Anand Saurabh. Shri Pankaj Chaubey and Shri Praveen Dutt Sharma were also present on the occasion.



(Above): Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Director GSDS is seen addressing the participants during the prize distribution ceremony, as Shri Harpal is all smiles.



(Below): Dr. K D Prasad gives away certificates to the participants.

Prizes were awarded in different categories for 'Essay Writing'; 'Poetry Recitation', 'Poetry Writing' 'Speech'. Some of the winners were Shri Vijay Kumar and Shri Sunil Kumar respectively for essay writing competition.

For poetry writing competition, the winners were Shri Vikay Kumar and Ms. Rachna respectively. For speech, the first prize went to Shri Mukesh Kumar and Shri Rakesh Sharma respectively. Second, third and appreciation prizes were awarded in each category. Almost 50 people took part in the programme.

BIHAR

Promote & preserve unique culture of Mithila: Littérateurs

The Samiti in association with Centre for Studies of Tradition and Systems (CSTS) organised the three-day "Madhubani Literature Festival" at Rajnagar, Madhubani, Bihar from December 19-21, 2018. Other partner organisations in the festival included Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts (IGNCA), Sahitya Akademi and Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (GSDS) and Vishweshwar Singh Janta (VSJ) College (Rajnagar). The three-

day Madhubani Literature Festival (MLF) took off to a grand start on the VSJ College premises on December 19, 2018.

The inaugural session was addressed by noted Maithili Littérateur and Sahitya Akademi award winner Prof Bhim Nath Jha, noted linguist of international repute Shri Ramavatar Yadav, retired ASI officer Shri Phani Kant Mishra, Madhubani D.M. Shri Shirsat Kapil Ashok and VSJ College principal Shri Hiranand Acharya.



(Above): Dr. Savita addresses the gathering at the Madhubani Literature Festival at Rajnagar Madhubani, Bihar, in a programme organised by Centre for Studies of Tradition and Systems (CSTS) and GSDS.

(Below): Senior resource persons addressing the gathering on the promotion of vernacular languages and revival of art and craft of Madhubani.

All speakers underlined the significance of holding such an event of literary and cultural importance at a place, which has been a seat of culture and has a glorious past. Welcoming the guests Dr. Savita Jha Khan of CSTS threw some light on holding the event at Rajnagar, besides the main drive of creating awareness about the



Participants at the three-day Madhubani Literature Festival in Bihar.

need to preserve and promote the unique culture of Mithila region. JNU faculty Prof. Dev Shankar Navin conducted the proceedings of the inaugural session.

After the inaugural session, three simultaneous sessions in both pre- and post- lunch were held. Participating in the seminar on 'Maithili Bhashai Paridrishya' (Linguistic Scene in Maithili), noted linguist Shri Ramavatar Yadav delineated on how a powerful language like Maithili needs to transform itself into a language of power.

IIT-Guwahati faculty Prof. Mithilesh Jha put out his thesis of how mass indifference as regards subjective consciousness despite having objective consciousness Maithili was fast slipping into endangered category.

Shri Shreesh Chaudhary, a linguist of repute and former head of the department of humanities, IIT-Chennai seemed riled up over Maithili speaking people's penchant for wasting crores of rupees annually on avoidable things but would not buy a book of Maithili in a year.

Prof. Jehangir Warsi of AMU also participated in the discussions. The literature festival in its very first attempt has caught the imagination of the locals by its conceptualisation of presenting enriching experiences of literature, culture, art and heritage.

The Madhubani Literature Festival was unique in that the festival, besides giving a platform



Local artists displaying their craft through painting during the programme.

to the linguists and litterateurs, academicians and authors, also made the space open for organisations working towards preservation of Madhubani art through the medium of local artists and craftsperson.



Participants from Nepal, Indonesia showcased their rich culture along with the local artist of the area during the three-day festival.

Programmes in Champaran

Bhitiharwa Ashram completes 100 years

The Bhitiharwa Ashram in West Champaran district, from where Mahatma Gandhi launched his programme for the development of villages, completed 100 years on November 20, 2018. And, the state government is all set to celebrate the centenary with an exhibition on Mahatma Gandhi. Mahatma Gandhi had founded this ashram on 20th November, 1917 during the Champaran Satyagraha.



A special programme was organised on this occasion in Bhitiharwa Ashram by Ministry of Culture and Department of Youth Affairs, Government of Bihar. The in-charge of the Ashram, Deputy Director, Shri Shiv Kumar Mishra, teachers, students and other people from the nearby villages took part in the programme. Director GSDS Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Vice Chancellor Central University Motihari, Professor (Dr.) Anil Kumar Rai, noted historian Shri Bairo Lal Das, Chairperson Gandhi Peace Foundation Shri Kumar Prashant, journalist Shri Arvind Mohan and others were present on the occasion. Teachers from the Rajkiya Buniyadi Vidyalaya Bettiah, Vrindaban and Sirasia Adda were also present. Shri Brajkishore Babu of the Gandhi Sanghralaya presided over the programme.

Discussions on Mahatma Gandhi's experiments in truth and the reason behind establishing this ashram featured during the meeting held on the occasion. An exhibition on the Bhitiharwa Ashram and its history was also inaugurated. Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan spoke on the neglected state of the ashram and discussed with the delegates efforts to revive the ashram and bring it to the world map.

Shri B L Das had informed that the ashram land was the lone land which has been registered in the name of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr Rajendra Prasad.

A visit to Kasturba Balika Vidyalaya in Motihari was also undertaken in which Director GSDS Dipanker Shri Gyan met the officials of the vidyalaya and also met young girls of a trust who are being imparted free charkha training.



Children and teachers gather in the school to pay tribute to Mahatma Gandhi and discuss the Government of India's initiative towards Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan. They also discussed issues related to health and hygiene.

Rajkiya Buniyadi Vidyalaya Brindaban pays tribute to Pulwama Martyrs

Teachers and students led by the principal of the Rajkiya Buniyadi Vidyalaya Brindaban paid rich tributes to the soldiers who were killed in the Pulwama bomb blast on February 14, 2019. The programme was organised on February 19, 2019 at the school campus in Brindawan block. A candle march was also taken out on the occasion in the evening by the teachers and the students. Slogans of long live India, Jai Hind and Vande Mataram made the occasion more sombre.

Other Activities

A training programme on self employment and employment was organised by the Vidyalaya. On March 8, 2019 the teachers and children joined together in celebrating the International Women's Day. During this programme, the teachers briefed the children on the enormous and incredible role played by women in different fields in the world for social causes.

Girls of the school presented songs of harmony on the occasion. They also spoke on women empowerment.

From March 22-24, the school joined in the celebrations to mark Bihar Divas. During this period, students participated in 100 meters, 400 meters race and long jump and high jump competitions.



Children of the Vidyalaya use local resources to make brooms as they prepare themselves for the sanitation drive.



(Above): Children of the Rajkiya Buniyadi Vidyalaya march for an awareness campaign to highlight the importance of sanitation and cleanliness.

(Below): Teachers of the Vidyalaya join the students in the sanitation drive in the early winter morning.

Programmes in the North East

Cultural Clubs in schools started as part of Sankalp Se Siddhi Initiative launched

Inspired by the Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi's appeal to the nation to commit themselves to the eradication of *dirt, poverty, communalism, casteism, corruption and terrorism*, Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini (RMP) in collaboration with GSDS organised *Sankalp Se Siddhi* initiative across the North East India with an aim to encourage schools staff and their students towards this nation-building initiative.

To ensure proper participation of schools and their students, RMP brought on board National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Various state education departments and respective state SCPCR.

As part of the campaign:

1. Schools were encouraged to form cultural clubs
2. Through cultural clubs, Sankalp Se Siddhi competition were organised
3. Students were given a competition booklet, through which they were asked to think and share how they could contribute to this mission.
4. School students took a pledge towards New India in their school assembly.



Dignitaries including Shri Ravindra Sathe, Director General RMP (second from L), Mr. Priyank Kanoongo, Member RTE & Education, NCPCR; Dr. Sunita Changkakati, Chairperson Assam State Commission for Protection of Child Rights and Shri Ravi Pokharna from RMP join the session in Assam during the orientation programme.

To have a deeper connect with the schools on the initiative, orientation workshops for school principals were organised across state capitals:

- 1) Workshops were held across Guwahati, Agartala and Shillong
- 2) 560+ principals from Secondary/Higher Secondary Government and Private schools participated, making it a huge success.
- 3) At the workshops, invited guests encouraged principals to wholeheartedly participate and make this initiative a success
- 4) Video with messages by Dr Mahesh Sharma (Minister for Culture, GOI), Dr Vinay Sahasrabuddhe (President, ICCR), Sh. Dipanker Shri Gyan (Director GSDS), Sh Ravindra Sathe (DG, RMP) and Sh. Priyank Kanoongo (Member, NCPCR) was played.
- 5) Principals were explained the initiative and competition booklets for students were distributed to them
- 6) Everybody took a pledge towards a NEW INDIA.
- 7) The principals further engaged 2 lakh plus school students towards various activations of *Sankalp Se Siddhi* initiative.

• **Sankalp Se Siddhi, Guwahati, Assam on July 10, 2018**

- Number of School Participation : 306
- Number of Students participation : 1,20,000+
- Number of Students Participation in competition : 30000+



Orientation workshop with teachers/coordinators (Left) and students in progress in Assam.

❖ **Orientation workshop for School Principals at Shilpgram, Guwahati, Assam**

- Schools were invited to participate with support of Assam State Commission for protection of Child Rights & Department of Secondary education, Government of Assam
- 306 participating school principals came for orientation workshop.
- The workshop was aimed to encourage the principals to participate in the initiative, form cultural clubs in their schools and then engage students through these cultural clubs.

Dignitaries included Shri Ravindra Sathe, Director General RMP; Mr. Priyank Kanoongo, Member RTE & Education NCPDR; Dr. Sunita Changkakati, Chairperson, Assam State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (ASCPCR).

• **Sankalp Se Siddhi, Agartala, Tripura on July 11, 2018**



Orientation workshop with teachers/coordinators (Below) by distinguished panelists (Above) in progress in Tripura, Agartala.

- Number of School Participation : 170
- Number of Students participation : 68,000+
- Number of Students Participation in competition : 17000+

❖ **Orientation workshop for School Principals at National Institute of Technology, Agartala**

- Schools were invited to participate with support of Directorate of Secondary Education, Government of Tripura and National Institute of Technology, Agartala
- 170 participating school principals came for orientation workshop.
- The workshop was aimed to encourage the principals to participate in the initiative, form cultural clubs in their schools and then engage students through these cultural clubs.



Students of a school in Tripura, Agartala being administered the "Sankalp se Siddhi" pledge towards New India in their school assembly.

• **Sankalp Se Siddhi, Shillong, Meghalaya, on July 13, 2018**

- Number of School Participation: 95
- Number of Students Participation in pledge: 30,000+
- Number of Students Participation in competition : 9500+

Apart from Shri Ravindra Sathe and Mr. Priyank Kanoongo, Dr. H K Sharma, Director, NIT Tripura took part in the discussion.



Orientation workshop with teachers/coordinators in progress in Meghalaya by representatives from Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini.

❖ **Orientation workshop for School Principals at North Eastern Hill University, Shillong, Meghalaya**

- Schools were invited to participate with support of Meghalaya Commission for protection of Child Rights, State Education Department, Government of Meghalaya and North Eastern Hill University

- 95 participating school principals came for orientation workshop.
- The workshop was aimed to encourage the principals to participate in the initiative, form cultural clubs in their schools and then engage students through these cultural clubs.
- Dignitaries included Shri Ravindra Sathe, Prof. S K Srivastava, VC NEHU engaged with the principals and encouraged them.
- At the end of the workshop, all principals and dignitaries took a pledge towards a New India
- Post the workshop, each school is getting their students to take pledge & fill booklets
- Booklets are being submitted to State Education Department for evaluation.
- The Competition closes on 5th August

RMP aims to encourage 5 lakh students across 5000 schools from eight states of North East to contribute towards this cause."

Students of a school in Shillong, Meghalaya, join the morning Assembly for administering the "Sankalp se Siddhi" pledge towards New India in their school.



TRIPURA, AGARTALA

Rehabilitation programme for differently-abled population of Tripura

Akhanda Vikash Parishad in association with the Samiti organized a Rehabilitation programme on October 14, 2018 for differently-abled population of Tripura at Dharmanagar ISBT Complex, Sub Division Dharmanagar, District North Tripura. 150 participants including 75 volunteers of Akhanda Vikas Parishad (AVP) took part in the programme. The President of AVP and Head Master of DNV Higher Secondary School, Shri Krishnaji Bhattacharjee; Dr. Dilip Das, Ex CMO of North District and Unakoti District, Tripura; Mr. Bhanupada Chakraborty, Superintendent of Police, North District; Mr. Biplab Das, North District BMS President; Mr. Govinda Nath, In-charge of Art of Living, North District and Shri Kanti Gopal, Debnath, Social Activist and Secretary General of AVP.



Members of the Akhanda Vikash Parishad in Tripura, Agartala join in the rehabilitation programme at North Tripura.



Members of the Akhanda Vikash Parishad in Tripura, Agartala rescue abandoned persons from the street (Left) and work towards their rehabilitation during the camp (Right).

The programme was organised with the following objectives:

- With the recent increase in the ratio of beggars day-by-day, the aim is to create self awareness amongst them as well as make the state a beggar free through various awareness camp
- To help psychologically challenged person and provide them a healthy life by admitting them in mental health care unit.
- To provide overall awareness amongst common people about mental health of child and women.
- To promote intensive care of older citizens through different activities and their value in our society.
- Finally, to provide overall awareness amongst common people about physically and mentally challenged persons and eradicate such type of menace.



An aged person walks to the rehabilitation camp in North Tripura for his treatment during the camp organised by the AVP.

Orientation Programmes

An attempt to Shape Pillars of Administration with Gandhian Principles



1. Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer GSDS with Shri Prashant Kr. Mishra, former Chief Secretary U.P.;

2. Prof. T K Thomas, Chairman, Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore Foundation &

3. Ms. Anupama Jha, communications expert at the programme.

A two day orientation programme for officers of Delhi Government on "Nonviolent Communication and Conflict Resolution" was organised from April 24-25, 2018, in Gandhi Darshan.

The Programme was attended by Ms. Manisha Saxena (Secretary, Revenue Department, Govt. Of NCT of Delhi) and other distinguished District Magistrate and Sub-divisional Magistrate from Revenue Department. Whereas, the resource persons were Shri Prashant Kumar Mishra (Former

situation without using coercive methods and violence and through the process participants will be able to use tools of nonviolent communication while negotiating with the stakeholders.

The First session was conducted by Shri Prashant Kumar Mishra on: 'What are conflicts faced by an Administrator and the ways for their Peaceful Resolution'. He started with the discussion of concept of Life that people understands and reached at a conclusion that *life is an experience between birth and death ; its a way of living; It has*



Officers of the Delhi Government taking part in the orientation programme in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.

Chief Secretary, UP & Former Member, UPSC), Prof T K Thomas (Academician and ex-Broadcaster), Ms. Anupama Jha (Expert on Stress management)

Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer, GSDS outlined the aim and objectives of the orientation programme. While speaking on the benefits of the programme, he added that the program could help participants to deal with the

never been a straight line as it has own Ups and Downs. He then focussed his session towards the question –What is conflict?

He further, defined conflict as a situation where there is a clash of ideas, interests, principles, values, culture and civilization. Also, discussed the types of conflicts which are faced by an administrator namely conflict faced while working with politicians

and political representatives; conflict faced with institutions (Judiciary, Human Rights Commission) Economic Conflicts (liberalization, taxation, demonetization), social conflicts (caste, creed, gender, faith), cultural conflict; conflict arising due to emergence of new technology, internal conflict and conflict with Family, etc. Alongside, he gave a insight that how he dealt with all such conflict while working as an administrator.

Prof T K Thomas in his session on 'Nonviolent Communication' captured attention of participants towards the powers an individual have, namely, *the power of perception, optimism, decision, persistence, belief, choice, focus, giving, learning and the highest power i.e. love*. He urged all to remember their innate powers to have a constructive outcome even in harshest conditions. Then he described HEALTH Formulae (Health, Empathy, Acceptance, Listen, Trust and heart) for effective decision making and adaptability in undesirable conditions.

He said generally we are reacting from life but not responding and we can respond only when our heart is on work to make a decision. So, he asked participants to practice to listen to your high self i.e your inner voice, for a better and stress free life.

Later, Ms. Anupama Jha took a session on Stress Management. She described Human body as a sophisticated system and our duty is to manage it. Also discussed Some inputs for a stress free life like- *Try to stop the chatter of the mind, pay attention to self, stop scared of being sitting with yourself, give at least 15 minutes in a day for meeting yourself*. Then she took a "Meet yourself" session having Pranayama and meditation as its part.

An interactive session with the participants was organised during the two-day orientation programme.

Orientation Programme with Sub-Registrars ***Give Space to Silence as it will lead 'you' towards....YOU!***

We are running everyday with utmost pace but we are still at the same page. This friction in our steps whilst in the life long journey embarking an entrenchment swaying conflicts.....

With the aforesaid reality checks and to reach up to the required solutions, an orientation programme on "Nonviolence Conflict Resolution and Nonviolent Communication" for Sub-Registrars

(Revenue Department, Govt. of NCT of Delhi) was organised on April 28, 2018 by the Samiti at Gandhi Darshan.

After a brief introduction of the GSDS, Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu (Program Officer, GSDS) outlined the aim and objectives of the training programme. While speaking on the benefits of the programme, he added that the program could help participants to deal with the situation without using coercive methods and violence in dealings with day to day lives.

Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan conducts the training session for the Sub Registrars (Revenue Dept. Govt. of NCT of Delhi) in Gandhi Darshan.



The First session was conducted by Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan (Director, GSDS), who began his session by sharing his experiences while working in the Revenue Department. Through the course of introspection and discussion with the participants, he cited the inevitable reasons behind the stressful life of Sub Registrars when dealing with the public (suffer with interference or over indulgence).

While taking a reference from the life of Mahatma Gandhi, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan pointed that during his whole life, the Mahatma faced innumerable crisis from various corners related to conflicts, disparities. But even after facing such stringent conditions, there is not even a single case of violence that had been noticed in his behavior or actions.

Quoting Gautam Buddha, who said: "Words has the power to both destroy and create", Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu started his session while asking every participant to *keep a notice of what you say*. They were then apprised with the concept of violence, struggle and peace. Further, HEALTH model based on *non-violent communication* was discussed as describing Honesty, Empathy,

Acceptance, Listening and Trust as the basic constraint for peaceful communication. Then while discussing about the tools to adapt Nonviolent communication in life he asked everyone to promote capabilities, such as power of self-introspection, carefully selection of words, understand people and situation, relationship development, bridging human to human or soul to soul connection, development of emotional vocabulary, etc.

In her session, Ms. Anupama Jha took a reality check while describing the problems and their solution. She said that there is a free will to choose who/what is more important – the more you resist the problem, the more it will tend to come out – if you are blaming circumstances that means you are resisting and actually you are not accepting them. She then described a complete demarcation between spiritualism and religion. She said that spirituality is all about that hundred percent concentration is on you that means you are completely delving within yourself. By finding yourself you are prone to love yourself which eventually leads to happiness and there starts a journey when you will be all set to do good to/for others.



Sub Registrars of the Revenue Dept. Govt. of NCT of Delhi are seen taking part in the orientation programme in Gandhi Darshan.

Then she explained the function of heart and mind in decision making. She explained that when it's about logics or judgements, we use our mind rather than heart. But working with mind everytime we make ego as our friend which is actually a false image of self at play. If our ego is at work then our desires never end. It is true that our brain cannot understand difference between imagination and reality. It's all about what we reap depends on what we sow.

She further conducted a "Meet Yourself Program" through *Prayanam* followed by meditation leading everyone present there in the silence but relaxed.

Orientation Programme on "Nonviolence Communication and Nonviolence Conflict Resolution"

An orientation Programme on "Nonviolence Communication and Nonviolence Conflict Resolution" was organised by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti for officials of Special Unit for women and children of Delhi Police from June 19-20, 2018 in Police Training School, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi. The aim of the program was to build a framework of mediation in solving the conflicts without using coercive methods and violence and also help police officials to develop the friendly linkages with/between the citizens. About 50 Police Officers took part in the training programme.



Sr. Journalist Ms. Shweta Rashmi conducting a session with the officials of Special Unit for Women and Children of Delhi Police (Below).



Along with Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu (Program Officer, GSDD) two eminent resource persons viz. Shri Kumar Amitabh (Senior Journalist and Filmmaker) and Ms. Shweta Rashmi (Journalist, Working for Women and Children) contributed to achieve the overarching goal of enhancement of Police-Public partnerships and to integrate Gandhian techniques in policing.

The programme started by outlining the aims and objectives of the orientation programme by Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu (Program Officer, GSDD). While speaking on the benefits of the programme, he added that as police plays a role of mediator

to solve the conflicts between the two groups or individual, this program could help them to deal with the situation without using coercive methods and violence.

Sr. Journalist Kumar Amitabh is seen conducting a session with the officials of Delhi Police (Below) during a group presentation.



Thus making their job easier and safer and thereby help them to develop friendly linkage with /between the citizens. He also shared experiences of similar programme organized by GSDS amongst Home Guards and Police Forces in different parts of the country.

He added that this programme will help to integrate Gandhian techniques of nonviolent conflict resolution and nonviolent communication in actual policing duties and draw attention towards the soul of programme i.e. *to empower communities to actively engage with the police and to initiate joint police community interventions using nonviolent techniques for crime prevention and safe neighbourhood.*

Sessions which were jointly taken by resource persons included:

1. Understanding of different perspectives on Peace, Nonviolence and Conflict; Critical understanding of every day conflicts and resolution techniques and conflict Mapping;
2. An introduction to Nonviolent Conflict Resolution approaches, Negotiation, Mediation and Nonviolent Communication;
3. Integrating nonviolent communication and dialogues in community policing and enhancing Police Image.

Further HEALTH formula for effective policing and good police-public relations was elaborated which speaks about H=Honesty, E=Empathy, A=Acceptance, L=LISTENING, T=TRUST and H=HEART.

Group exercises were carried on with participants to analyze the cases studies taken in different context.

With the understanding that if we just act in each moment, with composure and mindfulness, each minute of our life is a work of art and it is just that we have to be aware of the motivation behind our action, the intention behind our words and the needs and experiences of other people, the programme ended with the promise note of making life more beautiful for others.

MAHARASHTRA

Two-Day Workshop for Managing Stress amongst Remand Home Officials



Senior resource persons (Above) are seen conducting the workshop on stress management for the officials (Below) of the Observation Homes of Maharashtra.

In the backdrop of multiple challenges faced by the professionals of Observation Homes and to build their capacities to better equip them with skills to handle the children house in Observation Homes, a two-day workshop for "Managing Stress amongst Remand Home Officials" was organised by GSDS in association with Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini (RMP) on June 25-26, 2018. 30 officials from Observation Homes of Maharashtra such

Superintendent, Probation Officer, Welfare Officer or Counsellor attended the workshop at Keshav Srushti, Uttan Village, Bhayander (West) Thane, Maharashtra.



Workshop on stress management for the officials of the Observation Homes of Maharashtra in progress, organised by RMP and GSDS.

The workshop was inaugurated by Mr. Priyank Kanoongo, Member RTE & Education, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), Mr. Arvind Rege, Managing Committee Member (RMP); Ms. Aparna Shrivastava, President/CEO, Guiding Souls and Mr. Pratik Kumar of Guiding Souls.

Technical session by members from NCPCR was conducted where they focussed on the importance of the officials to create a healthy environment for the children and for themselves.

Day II began with morning walk, exercise and meditation. Experiential learning – a cluster of childhood activities such as playing marbles, skipping, spoon and marble and so on was conducted.

Spearheading the Peace Crusade through non-violent communication techniques

Peace cannot be built on the foundations of fear. On the same lines, a two-day interactive workshop on “Non-violent Communication and Conflict Resolution” was organized by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (GSDS) for Delhi Home Guards on July 19-20, 2018 at Directorate General of Home Guards, Raja Garden, New Delhi.

The workshop was conducted by Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu (Programme Officer, GSDS) along with three eminent resource persons such as: Shri Kumar Amitabh (senior journalist and film

maker), Ms. Shweta Rashmi (journalist), and Ms. Anupama Jha (expert on stress management). They contributed to achieve the overarching goal of enhancement of ‘police-public partnership’ and to integrate Gandhian techniques in carrying out duties by the Homeguards. The session was attended by 300 homeguards spread across Delhi.



1. Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer, GSDS conducting the workshop on “Nonviolent Communication” for the Home Guards;
2. Kumar Amitabh, Sr. Journalist addresses the Home Guards on techniques of NVC and
3. Ms. Kanak Kaushik conducts a session on meditation.

The programme started with outlining the aim and objectives of the orientation programme and ice-breaking exercises by Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu and Ms. Kanak Kaushik. The two-day long workshop had parallel sessions in two different rooms underlying the themes of peace and non-violence.

The themes addressed during the session included:

- *Understanding of different perspectives on 'Peace', 'Nonviolence' and 'Conflict';*
- *Critical understanding of every day conflicts and resolution techniques and Conflict Mapping;*
- *An introduction to Non-violent Conflict Resolution approaches, Negotiation, Mediation and Non-violent Communication;*
- *Integrating nonviolent communication and dialogues in community policing and enhancing Police Image.*



(Above): A Home Guard personnel interacts with a resource person during the workshop.

(Below): Resource Persons with the officials of the Dept. of Home Guards take a group photograph after the session with the participants.

On second day of the workshop, an elaborative session on "Stress Management and Work-Life Balance" was conducted that also introduced the participants to techniques of

mediation and other stress relieving techniques. Key tips were given on how to stay motivated during their work. The sessions were concluded by group presentations given by the participants on the case studies presented to them through the course of the workshop.

While speaking on the benefits of programme Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu said, "Home Guards play an important role of a mediator to solve conflicts between the two groups or individual. This programme could help them deal with the situation without using coercive methods and violence. Thus making their job easier and safer and also help them to develop friendly linkage with /between the citizens."

Further HEALTH formula for effective policing and good police-public relations was elaborated which speaks about:

- H=Honesty,
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- H=HEART.

Group exercises were carried on with the participants to analyze the case studies taken in different context.

Workshop on Stress Management and Inter-personal Conflict Resolution

An interactive workshop on "Stress Management and Inter-personal Conflict Resolution" was organised for the GSDD staff on July 30, 2018 at Gandhi Darshan. Almost 120 persons took part. The workshop was conducted by Shri Atul Priyadarshi an expert trainer from Patna.



Senior resource person Shri Atul Priyadarshani being felicitated by Director GSDD, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan.

During the workshop, Shri Atul Priyadarshi focussed on different aspects of stress management such as 'individual stress', 'emotional stress', 'physical stress', 'behavioural stress' and how that affects the psyche of a person both at the work place as well as at home.

Basing his training on different concepts, he further suggested various stress management techniques such as:

1. Prioritise Your Health
2. Get a Good Nights Sleep
3. Practice Deep Breathing
4. Stay Hydrated
5. Eat for Wellbeing
6. Get Moving to Combat Stress
7. Adopt a Positive Mind Set
8. Master Your Time
9. Don't be a Slave to Tech
10. Learn to Say No



Participants at the workshop on stress management conducted by senior resource person Shri Atul Priyadarshani take part actively in group activities during the workshop in Gandhi Darshan.

Analysing stress and the need to resolve it, Shri Priyadarshi spoke of integrity, character, ethics and values that are needed to self-motivate a person.

The second session that was conducted by Shri Atul Priyadarshi was on managing "Interpersonal Conflict", where through games and meditation the concept of 'unity' was reiterated. Concepts such as "Learn how to use parts of the conflict resolution process to recognise and prevent conflict before it escalates"; "Develop communication tools such as agreement frames and open questions" and "Learn practical anger and stress management techniques" were taken up during the workshop.

Through a game, he stressed on the concept of "Win-Win" situation at workplace which is also applicable for team building.

Earlier Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Director GSDS welcomed the gathering and briefed about the training programme which he felt was much needed in today's world. Later at the concluding session of the day-long workshop, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan stated that "Stress is directly proportional to performance" and that management of the stress is key factor for good performance.

Orientation workshop on 'Stress Management & Conflict Resolution and Non-violent Communication'

A workshop on "Stress Management and Conflict Resolution and Non-Violent Communication" was also organized with the Gandhi Study Circle of the Zakir Hussain College, Delhi University on August 2, 2018. About 122 students took part in the orientation programme conducted by Shri Atul Priyadarshi. Shri Gulshan Gupta was also present on the occasion.

Workshop for CRPF on Non-violent Communication and Non-violent Conflict Resolution

A two-day workshop on *Non-violent Communication and Non-violent Conflict Resolution* was held at CRPF Academy, Kadarapur, Gurugram on August 17-18, 2018. About 50 participants including Constables, Head Constables and Sub-Inspectors (non-gazetted officers) took part in the workshop organized by the GSDS.

Apart from them, ADG, I.G, Commandant and Deputy Commandant also visited and attended the sessions in between the workshop.

The workshop started with a one-minute silent tribute in respect of Former Prime Minister of India Bharat Ratna Late Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee.



Senior resource person Ms. Anupama Jha conducts a healing exercise for the CRPF personnels (below), as Sr. Journalist Kumar Amitabh looks on.



Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer, GSDS gave the keynote address and made aware the participants about the workshop, its relevant themes and point of discussion practical sessions in the next two days.

He also shared a power-point presentation on 'Non-Violent Communication'. The first aim of security forces should be to establish a peaceful environment and build a healthy relationship with the community by using non-violence. He said this in reply to a participant's query about the relevance of non-violence in conflict areas like Kashmir.

Further he said that if the people of the community have faith and believe in our forces, they will definitely cooperate with you during the conflict situations. But we have to devote our time and efforts to make them in favour of security forces. And making our image bright among the society or community will take long time and have to keep patience.

Kumar Amitabh, senior resource person talked about the human behavior in conflict situations. He suggested to the cops to not to merge your own feeling in serving your duty. Only orders coming from the system (upper level) are to be followed.

Ms. Anupama Jha talked about the peace of mind. She said: 'Peace is a piece of mind. If we have no silence in our mind our words will be violent. Every time try to be in peace. Conflict

is not a permanent, but living in a conflict area doesn't mean to allow conflict or violence to enter in your mind and soul". She also taught to practice meditation. All the participants did meditation for about half an hour.



(Inset): A CRPF personnel interacts during the workshop on 'Non-violent Communication' at the CRPF Academy Gurugram.

In the valedictory session, Additional Director General, Shri R P Singh, said in his valedictory speech to organize these workshops for security forces' family members also who are residing in the campus.

Three participants shared their experience in the end of the workshop. Certificates also presented to all the participants. Workshop concluded with vote of thanks and group photo.

Appreciation and Awareness Programme on Environmental Concerns

In collaboration with IGNOU, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti organized a weeklong workshop, "Appreciation and Awareness Programme on Environmental Concerns" from September 25- October 01, 2018. Almost 100 people participated in the workshop from different states of the country including teachers and professionals in distinct fields.



Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Director GSDS addresses the gathering on Gandhiji's concept of environmental protection, as Dr. K D Prasad, Regional Director RC-2 IGNOU (C) and Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer GSDS are all ears.

The programme began with the introductory speech given by Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Director, GSDS. Following which the outline of the workshop was given by Dr K.D Prasad, Regional Director, IGNOU.



Participants at the awareness programme on 'Environmental Concerns' in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.

Various topics ranging from resource management to mutual coexistence were covered during the weeklong workshop. Along with the discussion amongst participants, directions concerned with environmental safety were provided. The workshop ended on Oct 01, 2018 with the promise to strive for exercising a balance with the nature.

• PATNA

Training of Trainers in Nonviolent Communication and Nonviolent Conflict Resolution

A training of trainers was organized on nonviolent communication and nonviolent conflict resolution in Patna on September 4-5, 2018. About 35 trainers took part in the workshop. It was focussed on training the police personnel.

Amongst those who spoke on the occasion included: Shri Shiv Shankar Chaudhary PCCF and MD Forest Development Corporation Bihar also addresses the gathering.

Shri J K Sinha' former DGP Government of Bihar, Shri Rameshwar Singh, former Principal Secretary, Finance, Government of Bihar.

The GSDS Programme Officer, Dr Vedabhyas Kundu conducted sessions on nonviolent communication, nonviolent conflict resolution and how these can be integrated in the functioning of the police.

Workshop on Gandhian Principle of Karma organised

GSDS in association with I Am Better Trust organised a day-long workshop on "Gandhian Principles of Karma" in Gandhi Darshan on December 22, 2018. 63 participants from different parts of Delhi and NCR took part in the workshop

that was aimed at provides a clear understanding of the root cause of challenges of life and the way to work towards lasting solutions in a practical and objective manner that would lead towards a fuller, richer life. Mr. Vee Jay Attri was the facilitator for the course.



Participants at the session "I am Better" following a step being conducted by Master Vijay Raghavan (Inset), expert trainer.



The Core Personality Development project – that was discussed during the workshop – was aimed to educate people in a very practical and objective manner on how our individual actions, however trivial they are, matter a lot for success in all aspects of life. It went to the root cause of why we are and, what we are, besides providing a clear understanding of the root cause of challenges of life and the way to work towards lasting solutions that would lead towards a fuller, richer life. It helped to address many issues that are currently of prime importance to our society. The main focus was on the development of core ethics and values for every individual in his or her personal, professional and social environment. As the individual becomes better, his or her contribution to the organisation and society gets better.

Master Vijay Raghavan conducted the course on December 22. The course covered the following six modules:

- Module : 1 Energy Wellness Mediation
- Module : 2 Billion Minutes of Eco-Mind
- Module : 3 Power of words
- Module : 4 Karma
- Module : 5 Neutralising Karma Building Destiny
- Module : 6 Life beyond Life

Interactive session with the participants and feedback formed an integral part of the training programme.

Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer GSDS took part at the valedictory session and also felicitated Master Vijay Raghavan.

• **PRAYAGRAJ, UTTAR PRADESH**

Orientation Programme in Nonviolent Communication for Personnel of Uttar Pradesh Police deployed during Kumbh



Senior expert in communications and wellness programs, Ms. Anupama Jha conducts a training programme in the Kumbh.



Journalist Ms. Shweta Rashmi conducts a session on use of appropriate language for the U.P. police personnels.



Senior journalist Shri Kumar Amitabh conducts a session on non-violent approach to policing.



Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer GSDS took a session on non-violent communication and Gandhian pillars of non-violence.

Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti has initiated a programme for police officers in different states of the country on nonviolent communication and nonviolent conflict resolution. The aim is to look at nonviolent techniques that can be adopted in policing work. The adoption of nonviolent communication strategies and methods to resolve conflicts through nonviolent conflict resolution can

greatly contribute to the efforts to enhance police-public partnerships.

The Gandhian nonviolent communication and nonviolent conflict resolution can be an important tool for police officers and police administrators in their efforts to resolve social conflicts, interpersonal and other types of conflicts at both individual and community level.

The Police are often called by the public to resolve conflicts between individuals and groups. Sometimes these conflicts can be volatile and has potential for violence. Without having to resort to violence or force can make the job of police much easier and safer. By resorting to violence as the only means to quell clashes can result in police officers themselves getting hurt.

By adopting the Gandhian principles of nonviolent conflict resolution and nonviolent communication, the police can avoid many conflicts with the public.



Over 1000 police personnel were sensitized in the three days programme from January 7-9, 2019 in the Kumbh at Prayagraj.



As part of this initiative, the Samiti organized orientation programme on nonviolent communication for police personnel of Uttar Pradesh Police deployed during Kumbh in Prayagraj. The focus was on how the police personnel would reach out to the millions of devotees who would be coming to Kumbh, support them in case anyone needed help, the language and expressions which should be used while dealing with the public, stress management and conscious living.

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For the orientation programme, three senior resource persons were involved. These included Ms Anupama Jha, Mr Kumar Amitabh and Ms Shweta Rashmi. There were 4 programmes in all in three days.

Dr Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti took sessions on nonviolent communication and Gandhian pillars of nonviolence. Ms Anupama Jha took sessions on stress and anger management. She spoke on how to remain calm even in tough situations which the police personnel were expected to face during the period of Kumbh Mela. She was talked about the techniques of meditation and how it helps one keep fresh.

Mr Kumar Amitabh talked about the nonviolent approach to policing and how it was important in the context of Kumbh. He talked about the police behaviour and appropriate attitude which was needed for policing especially in a big congregation of devotees like Kumbh. Different scenarios for police interventions were discussed.

Ms Shweta Rashmi talked about appropriate language. She talked how devotees who came to Kumbh spoke different languages and dialects and the police was expected to help all those who needed any assistance. Different cases were discussed and how the police could respond to these.

Training and Capacity Building of Voluntary Organisations and Socio-Political Leaders in "Leadership Politics and Governance" organised

The Samiti organised a training and capacity building programme of "Voluntary Organisations and Socio-Political Leaders in Leadership Politics and Governance" in Gandhi Smriti on February 3, 2019. About 20 participants from 10 states and varied backgrounds, pursuing Post Graduate Programme in "Leadership Politics and Governance" under the aegis of the Indian Institute of Democratic Leadership (IIDL) took part in the programme coordinated by Ram Bhau Mhalgi Prabodhini (RMP). These participants are aspiring to become a part of the political culture in the future.

Speaking to almost 35 young participants that included some Gram Pradhans also, Dr. Y P Anand, Member of the High Level Dandi Memorial



Dr. Y P Anand, former Director National Gandhi Museum (Above), addressing the youth during a training and capacity building programme of "Voluntary Organisations and Socio-Political Leaders in Leadership Politics and Governance" in Gandhi Smriti. (Below): Participants are seen in interaction with Dr. Y P Anand.

Committee, senior Gandhian and former Director National Gandhi Museum based his interaction on Mahatma Gandhi's 'Leadership', with special emphasis on the 'Moral and Spiritual Foundations'. He said, "Mahatma Gandhi is universally accepted

as an exemplary model of ethical and moral life, with a rare blending of personal and public life, the principles and practices, the immediate and the eternal. He considered life to be an integrated whole, growing from 'truth to truth' every day in moral and spiritual status. He believed in a single standard of conduct founded on 'dharma' of truth and non-violence".

Dr Anand said that among the vital messages of Gandhi's leadership are: "Even one person can make a difference; strength comes not from physical capacity but from an indomitable will; given a just cause, non-violence and capacity for self-suffering, and fearlessness, victory is certain; leadership by example is the one most effective".



Youth participants from 20 different states in India during their visit to Gandhi Smriti at Mahatma Gandhi's Room.

He further said, "A central quality of Mahatma Gandhi's leadership was its natural evolution through intense interaction with the people and the events". Quoting Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. Anand said that viewed his entire approach to his life and its mission in his own words when he said: "Life is an inspiration. Its mission is to strive after perfection, which is self-realisation. The ideal must not be lowered because of our weaknesses or imperfections. I am painfully conscious of both in me..."

While referring to Gandhi's instrument of non-violence, Dr. Y P Anand said that Gandhi single-handedly made non-violence a universal substitute for violence and the bed-rock of his leadership. He associated the qualities of humility, compassion, forgiveness and tolerance too as corollaries of non-violence.

To him, the spirit of service and sacrifice was the key to leadership. Dr. Anand said, "For the spirit of service to materialise, we must lay

stress on our responsibilities and duties and not on rights". Service, to him, implied self-sacrifice. Following behind him millions made sacrifices in the service of the nation and the society, for justice and freedom, against exploitation and discrimination, for *satyagraha* and constructive work".

Dr Y P Anand also cautioned the young prospective leaders that "The commitment to service, demands a strong sense of conscience (moral imperative), courage (fearlessness, bravery, initiative) and character (integrity)". He said that self-study was key to knowledge which in turn helped in working for the marginalised and the last person of the society. Mahatma Gandhi had done extensive self-study even in prison. Calling him a great communicator, Dr Anand said, "Mahatma Gandhi was not an armchair academician or a cloistered visionary. He was deeply concerned with the world around him. The core of his vision for the people of India was contained in his concept of Swaraj, the fountainhead from which the whole range of the concepts of Gandhian philosophy flow".

While concluding the interaction, Dr. Anand further informed the participants that "Gandhi's power came from his trying to empower the weak, to lead the masses in fight against injustice, exploitation, violence and discrimination", adding, "His power arose through the people whom he gave a sense of self-respect, purpose and moral strength".

Earlier the group of young leaders paid homage at the Martyr's Column in Gandhi Smriti. Shri Rajdeep Pathak, Programme Executive briefed the group about the historicity of the Gandhi Smriti museum.

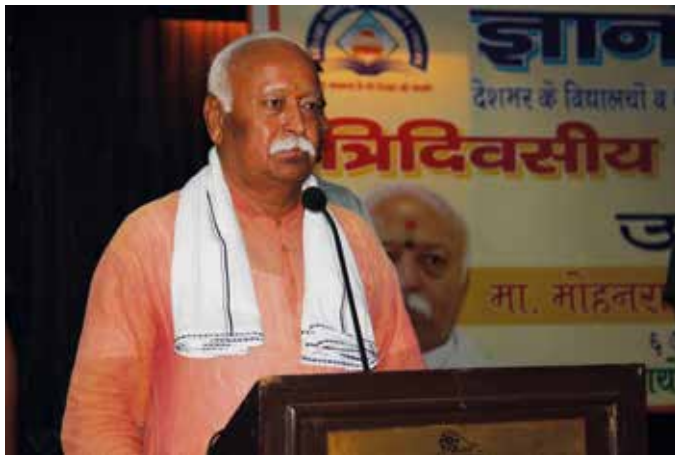


Shri Rajdeep Pathak, Programme Executive GSDS is seen explaining the significance of Gandhi Smriti and the Martyrs Column to the participants of the 'Leadership program'.

Discussions/Dialogues/Seminars

Gyanotsav 2075 delves on contemporary education system

A three-day educational utsav "GYANOTSAV 2075", was organized in Gandhi Darshan by Shiksha Sanskriti Uthan Nyas from April 6-8, 2018. The chief guest of this congregation was Shri Mohan Bhagwatji, Sarsanghchalak of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh. Other dignitaries such as Hon'ble Dinanath Batra, Convenor, Hon'ble Atul Kothari, Co-Convenor, "Shiksha Sanskriti Uthan Nyas", Sh. Iswar Dayal Kansal, Coordinator Gyanotsav 2075, Sh. Arun Bhardwaj, Convenor, *Bhartiye Bhasha Abhiyan*, Sh. Prasrita Varma, Convenor, Orissa & Bengal and others were present on the occasion. 60 schools and universities from 12 states of the country took part in the three-day programme.



Hon'ble Shri Mohan Bhagwat ji addressing the gathering at the three-day Gyanotsav 2075 in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.



(From L to R): Shri Sanjay Sharma ji, Dr. Mahesh Sharma ji, Hon'ble Minister of Culture and VC GSDS, Hon'ble Shri Mohan Bhagwat ji, Sarsanghchalak and Shri Atul Kothari ji.

In the first session, the heads of the respective School or University came together and took part in a thoughtful session. In this session, discussions was based on the contemporary educational practices in India along with the concern for respect to moral values, environment and character building in education was taken up.

Apart from this, an exhibition was organized which was inaugurated by the Shri Mohan Bhagwat ji, in which educational institutions from all over the country have demonstrated innovations and innovative experiments in education.

In this session, Mr. Mahesh Sharma ji (Minister of State Independent Charge) Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation in his address said: "I have full faith that the gap between education and culture would be reduced through this event and the goal of national construction will also be fulfilled. For this we have to prepare young people who are devoted to the culture of the country".

In his address, Shri Mohan Bhagwat, praised 60 educational institutions from all the 12 states, saying that people's mind in society is the only foundation for reform and that innovation in education would only streamline the reform. For this, we all have to work together and humans should not be selfish and have to understand the pain of others".

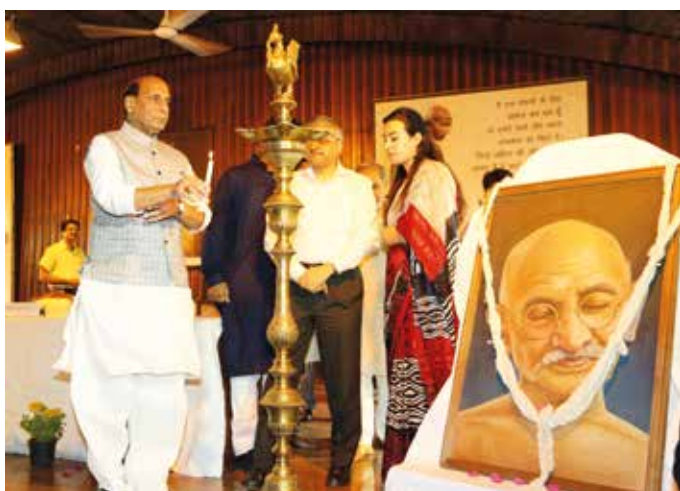
Explaining the importance of education, he said that education can only serve humanity in the society and through it man can attain God-realization.

The second day of the programme was organized in association with *Bhartiya Bhasha Abhiyan*, where the topic of discussion was "Janta ko Janta ki bhasha me nyay"; the objective of the discussion was that the people should get justice in local languages; that is, other than English, there should be translators available in the Supreme Court for the local languages, for which the posts of translators, should also be increased said Justice Hariharan Nayyar.

Retd Justice Shiv Narayan Dhingra, Retd. Justice Mool Chand Garg, Additional Solicitor General Shashi Prakash, Sh. Atul Kothari, the Secretary of Shiksha Sanskriti Uthan Nyas, member of Bar Council of India, Shri Ram Chander Rao and others spoke on the occasion.

“Widen your mind and heart”- Rajnath Singh calls on young people to serve the old

“People have to be emotionally attached to work for the elderly. They are our resources and we have to cherish and respect them, said hon’ble Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh. Shri Rajnath Singh was speaking at the inauguration of the Cancer and Pneumonia awareness programme in Gandhi Smriti on April 25, 2018 at a joint programme organised by the Samiti in association with Healthy Aging India as part of the initiative of the Department of Geriatric Medicine AIIMS. About 500 enthusiastic elderly individuals from various old-age homes and people from remote areas of Delhi NCR took part in the programme.



(Above): Hon’ble Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh lights the ceremonial lamp at the programme in Gandhi Smriti.

(Below): Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, felicitates Hon’ble Shri Rajnath Singh with a charkha on the occasion.

Shri Rajnath Singh further said, “The ancient sages and saints have devoted their life for the service of humankind and have laid down

certain principles for the society for us to follow them”, adding, “If we follow them, we will surely not deviate from the path of righteousness”.

He further encouraged the younger generation to make the life of older adults and not so privileged school students better. He said, “We have come to a stage where we need to introspect as to why we are not able to keep our parents with us and serve them”, adding, “We must remember that parents are not satisfied with any form of service to them other than which their children give them when they are old”.

He applauded the efforts of Healthy Aging India in generating the will force and expertise of the senior citizens to aide and educate the poor school going children. He said, “They (senior citizens) have retired from government service, but not retired or tired from their life”.

“A place where work on moral education is provided to the children, employment to the youth, medicine and service to the older generation that is an ideal society”, he concluded.

Shri Ram Bahadur Rai while appreciating the efforts of HAI said that one should learn how to use one’s life for the good of others. He further narrated



Hon’ble Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh (C) along with Shri Ram Bahadur Rai, Chairperson IGNCA (R) release the IGLC activity report on the occasion. In the Pix (from L to R): Dr. Prashun Chatterjee, Dr. Randeep Guleria, Prof. G K Rath and Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan during the release function.

The other speakers on the occasion included Chairperson of IGNCA, Director General of AIIMS, Dr. Randeep Guleria, Prof. G K Rath, HOD Oncology AIIMS; Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Director GSDS and Dr. Prashun Chatterjee, HOD Dept of Geriatrics, AIIMS.

On this occasion, Shri Rajnath Singh released a publication of the HAI showcasing their activities and work. A book on “Champaran Ki

Dastaan" authored by Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan and Shri Pankaj Chaubey was released and dedicated on the occasion to the centenary celebrations of the Champaran Satyagraha.



(Above): Participants at the programme in Gandhi Smriti.

(Below): Doctors from AIIMS conducting screening for Cancer earlier during the programme. Also about 400 elderly people were given vaccination against pneumonia during the day.

Earlier, during the day, about 400+ elderly people from old-age homes and remote areas of Delhi and NCR were given vaccination against pneumonia and cancer screening was also conducted. It was a one-of-a-kind programme which was an attempt on the part of HAI and GSDS to reach significant number of elderly people.

School children from Purva Madhyamik Vidyalaya Sector 12 were awarded for their outstanding result in the Intergenerational Learning Centre (IGLC) that was launched by the HAI and GSDS together in July 2017.

The elderly educators were also felicitated for their contribution and encouraging the positive change for the socio-economically disadvantaged children, resulting in outstanding performance. Helpage India representatives were also felicitated on the occasion. IGLC educator Shri Chander Shekhar and Smt. Archana Prabhakar were also felicitated on the occasion.

Give Non-Violence a Chance – A Dialogue

A day-long seminar on "Give Nonviolence a Chance" was organized by Gandhi Peace Mission, Kerala in association with GSDS and Mygov.in on May 3, 2018 at Gandhi Darshan Rajghat. Many eminent Gandhians, academicians, professors, scholars and intellectuals took part in this seminar.

Director GSDS Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, in his keynote address, specified the need of this discussion. He mentioned that there is a basic difference between animals and human beings. He said that conflict is a nature of 'jungle'. But in today's society crime and conflict is increasing day by day among and between human beings. Perhaps it is happening because jungle or forests are decreasing every day and we are converting and developing forest land into residence, that's why jungle nature is emerging in human society and animals are becoming pet animals.

"Developed nations have initiated towards nonviolent conflict resolution and the change is seen when heads of two Korean nations cross the border together. The same tradition should be followed in each and every street and corner of the society so that we could move towards a nonviolent society and peaceful life", he said.



(Below): Prof. N Radhakrishnan, Chairperson Gandhi Peace Mission Kerala reacts to a point raised by Dr. Y P Anand (Above), former Director National Gandhi Museum, as other speakers keenly listens.



Kumar Shekhar Chancellor of Shobhit University who also moderated the discussion, emphasized to not to make Gandhi a God. 'Be the change you want to see in the world' as Mahatma

Gandhi had said. Nonviolence must start from us. Making strict laws is not a way to nonviolence. "Nonviolence doesn't only mean being non-violent towards human, but also love and care for animals, nature, culture and understanding conscious and subconscious psychology of others in positive way is real nonviolence".

Dr. N. Radhakrishnan, Former Director GSDS and Chairperson of Gandhi Peace Mission, Kerala said that the last adventure of Mahatma Gandhi was in Noakahli where he stressed on the message –'Do not kill'. It was the most powerful message of nonviolence.



A view of the participants from different parts of the country during the discussion in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.

"Today we are here to think that what we have learnt from Gandhi and what he has given us in his whole life. The magic of bringing people together is strength of Mahatma Gandhi. We all should decide our mission towards promoting nonviolence. Today we do not have time for conversation and communication with our children, spouse and family members and this is aggravating the problem", said Dr. Radhakrishnan.

Dr. Radhakrishnan said that the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi should be much more than celebrating programmes and establishing new buildings and bhavans in the name of Gandhi. "We must prepare an action plan for the nation. Rope a hope of happiness, harmony, prosperity, love and nonviolence.

Dr Y.P Anand former Director, National Gandhi Museum said that 'Killing is limit to the newspapers. Gandhi used to give the example of family. In family, we never try to kill each other. There is a sense of oneness and belongingness. The whole world is one family and we belong to this family only. No one is our enemy, everyone is everyone's friend".

Prof. T.K. Thomas, Chairman Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore Foundation in his address stressed that nonviolence is not a one day affair; it is a long term affair and for that we should think across and talk with children and youth, define the concept of non-violent communication to them and include their voice in the curriculum as Dr. K.G Suresh had proposed earlier. We should think that what tangible things we are going to do in this whole mission".

Shri Basant ji said that there is a district in Bihar named Munger which was famous as a centre for Yoga. But unfortunately, today it has



become popular for making bomb and pistols. The reason behind this emerging violent practice in the form of making bomb destroyed the prevalent art (yoga) of the area. No one wants to learn and practice their paternal skills and handicrafts. The new generation doesn't want to run their family business of inheritance. The local art is dying everywhere. We are losing our local Karigars (artisans) also. He further reiterated what Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam said that 'art and culture is the only way to fight with violence and terrorism'.

The discussion concluded with the decision to make "Give a chance to nonviolence and not-killing", a mission.

Seminar on Different Social Issues organised

The Samiti in association with Indraprastha Yogakshem Sewa Nyas, Delhi organised a six-day seminar on different social issues such as - "Untouchability, Social Harmony", "Women Empowerment", "Youth Volunteerism" and "Environment" in Gandhi Darshan from June 21-26, 2018. Almost 400 delegates took part in the programme.

The participants deliberated on the Gandhian concept of development of the society and highlighted the issues that Mahatma Gandhi raised and worked throughout his lifetime. They said that Gandhiji fought for eradication of social evils and empowering the last person in the society.

Discussions on the call given by Gandhiji to the youth to serve the society by going to the villages to work for the upliftment of the poor was mooted and the youth were inspired to work voluntarily for the society.

A meeting to contemplate on social issues

A meeting was organized by 'Sewa Bharati' to discuss and contemplate over different Service Projects viz. Education, Self-Reliance, Moral Values at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat, New Delhi on July 8, 2018.

Under the supervision and guidance of Shri Kulbhushan Ahuja (Sangh Chalak, Delhi) and two other regional heads namely Shri Bharat Bhushan and Shri Tarun Gupta, the programme succeeded to reach up to its horizon.

The objective of the meeting was to ensure and imbibe all round development, Self-confidence and Self-reliance among the socio-economic weaker sections of the society. This meeting was in continuation of the first meeting held on June 17, 2017 in which different teams were formed based on distinctive languages and were asked to get connected with at least 200 families of their respective region.

The meeting concluded with the formulation of plan for the upcoming five years with underprivileged section of society as the focal point.

Technology is like parasite, threat to humanity: Murli Manohar Joshi

"Technology has entered society like a parasite and is a threat to humanity in several ways" said senior BJP leader Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi at



Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan felicitates Hon'ble Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi with a set of GSDS' publication.

the Prabhash Prasang in Gandhi Darshan on July 15, 2018. Speaking on the 81st birth anniversary celebration of late journalist Shri Prabhash Joshi, Dr. Joshi said that with advancement in technology, humans are getting trapped in computers.

"Technology has entered our lives so much that we cannot get rid of it no matter how much we try. Technology is very magical. We are going into space, finding life on other planets, progressing in medicine, artificial intelligence etc.

"Question arises that on one hand we are going towards these things but we humans are also getting closed in a computer. Technology is like parasite," he said.

While addressing a large gathering of over 400 people that included journalists, academicians, writers, authors, poets, scholars, people from the media fraternity, Dr. Joshi's while speaking about "Technology and Democracy" threw light on the misuse of information and companies making money out of this data.



Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi (above) delivers the Prabhash Joshi Memorial Lecture to a packed audience (below) in Gandhi Darshan during the programme.

He also referred to Aadhaar being the newest form of data collection. "Aadhaar is the new technology which takes all your information. Human identity has now become a number. Earlier it was the name and address of a person which he identified with. Now your identity is your bank account number, Aadhaar number, phone number etc.," he said.

“We need to find a new way ahead to interlink ‘technology’ and ‘democracy’ and use it with the right frame of mind. Let it not be a garage of manufacturing unit but something that is used for the benefit of humankind”, Dr. Joshi remarked with a caution that if technology is used to spread intolerance, violent competition, then there’s a need to relook at this progressive mechanism”.

He concluded with a caution: “Should democracy be a dehumanised system or should it retain the humanity variables, needs to be looked into seriously”.



Hon'ble Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi (C) releases the publication of the 'Prabhash Joshi Memorial Lecture 2017' in Gandhi Darshan along with other dignitaries including Shri Ram Bahadur Rai (L), Shri T N Chaturvedi, Shri Pushpesh Pant and Hon'ble Shri Ravindra Kishore Sinha, MP Rajya Sabha.

Earlier, Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi released the copy of Prabhash Joshi Memorial Lecture in 2017 delivered by Shri P Sainath.

Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan presented the Angavastram, Charkha and books from the Samiti to Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi and other guests on the occasion.

Kabir bhajans by Padmashri Pandit Madhup Mudgal was another special highlight of the programme.

GWALIOR, MADHYA PRADESH

Two-days training programme of Teaching in Non-violent Communication Resolution in Teaching Practices

Gandhi Smriti & Darshan Samiti in association with Mamta Shiksha Samiti organized a two-day seminar on 'Nonviolent Communication and Non Violent Conflict Resolution In Teaching Practices Seminar' held on July 7-8, 2018 at Morar Gwalior Madhya Pradesh. This seminar carried forward the vision of Mahatma Gandhi.

The seminar saw participation by many eminent personalities including social activist, senior lawyers and local personalities. The seminar was also attended by educationalist achievers from different sections of the society. Smt. Shanti Sharma, Secretary Mamta Shiksha Samiti and Shri Umesh Chandra Gaur, Chairman CCBOS attended the programme.



A speaker addresses the gathering of students and women participants during the training programme in Madhya Pradesh.



Inaugurating the first day of the seminar Smt. Shanti Sharma spoke on the non violent way of teaching and non violent conflict resolution and said that these are important factors in today's world.

Also speaking on various education related issues were eminent personalities like Shri Devendra Bhargava, Chairman Mamta Shiksha Samiti, Smt. Seema Bhargava (BAC) M.P. Gov., Smt. Mamta Chaturvedi, Member Vigilance and Monitoring, M.P. Gov.

The second day of seminar was presided over by Shri Umesh Chandra Gaur. He raised many vital issues concerning education with non violence. Some of the important personalities who attended the second day of the seminar included Ms. Rekha Sharma and Ms. Nisha Bhargava. Issues such as violence in teaching practices, students engaged in bullying, pressure on education, etc.

At the end of the seminar, awards were also given to exceptional educationalist including Ms. Seema Bhargava (BAC) M.P. Gov.; Smt. Mamta Chaturvedi.

Try to bring Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy alive in his 150th Birth Anniversary: Baba Yogendra

On August 21, 2018, the Hon'ble Swant Ranjan Jang, Contact Officer of Samskar Bharti and the Minister of National Organization, Shri Ganesh Balladeji, inaugurated the workers meeting for preparing the ground work for the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and the Maha Khumb the by lighting the lamp. Jointly organised by the GSDS and Sanskar Bharati, following the inauguration, a group discussion was organized by Swant Ranjan ji on the subject of the concept. The following topics emerged as a result of the dialogue in this discussion:

- The worker must be unconditionally dedicated towards social cause.
- The pledge is our basis to be firm.
- We should pay special attention to our daily routine for our body, mind and intellect.
- We should love the system. Our room, the office should look organized. And in the personal dialogue language should not be sarcastic.

In the second session, Shri P. Krishnamurthy, Minister of National Cooperation of Samskar Bharti, elaborated on the topic of Samskar Bharti and discussed various issues of constructive work.



Speakers at the discussion in Gandhi Darshan on celebrating the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

Several suggestions were made by the representatives in Delhi where Ved Prakash ji of Delhi said that in the upcoming year as part of the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and Kasturba Gandhi schools and colleges should initiate cultural circle or different chairs. "Using the maximum of social media we should spread Gandhi's thoughts to the masses. Together with neighboring countries of India, there should be a plan to undertake a large cultural program. In

Delhi, it should be a great addition to artists and art centers", he added.

Baba Yogendra ji, the Guardian of Samskar Bharti in the concluding session, said that the revered Mahatma Gandhi has given this world an invaluable treasure through his thoughts. In this year we have to take his thoughts to the people through the artists and then to the masses. By incorporating whatever new efforts or suggestions we have received about this, through more than 1200 committees of Samskara Bharati spread across the country, we will try to bring Gandhiji's ideas alive.

In this session, Director GSDS said that the Samiti will support all activities that promote Gandhian ideology across the country.

National Seminar on "Understanding Gandhi"

Gandhi Study Circle of Ram Lal Anand College, University of Delhi in association with Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti organised a national seminar on "Understanding Gandhi" on August 24, 2018 at the college premises that was attended by over 100 participating student and youth. Two sessions were conducted as part of the seminar.

Shri Mahesh Sharma, Ex Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, Prof. Ramesh Bharadwaj, Director Gandhi Bhawan, University of Delhi, Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer GSDS spoke during Session I, which was also the inaugurating session of the seminar. This was an interactive session in which the teachers and students actively took part.

In Session II, Shri Brijkishore Sharma, Chairman Governing Body of Ram Lal Anand College, Shri Achutanand Mishra, Ex Vice Chancellor, Makhan Lal Chaturvedi Rashtriya Patrakarita Evam Jansanchar Vishwavidyalaya, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh and Dr. Avnijesh Awasthi, Associate Professor PGDAV College were present and spoke on varied issues.



(From L to R): Dr. Devendra Kumar, Associate Professor and Convenor of Gandhi Study Circle, Ram Lal Anand College, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Director GSDS and Dr. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Principal of the College at the seminar.



Students of Ram Lal Anand College, University of Delhi from the Gandhi Study Circle take out an awareness campaign.

Dr Vedabhyas Kundu talked about the five pillars of Gandhian nonviolence- mutual respect, understanding, acceptance, appreciation and compassion. He said these simple principles need to be nurtured by all. He also spoke on length on the Gandhian perspective on anger management and how one can maintain anger journal. He then talked about students can manage their anger wisely for contributing to constructive work. At the end he discussed the Gandhian approach to nonviolent communication and how it helps in building relationship and resolve conflicts.

Prof. Ramesh Bharadwaj raised his concern about the challenges which are being faced in the contemporary period. He also raised his voice about the problem of castism and communalism in India and reminded us about the significance of Gandhi and his philosophy of secularism and tolerance in solving such problems. He highlighted the problem of economic development and stressed on skill development in rural India followed by the use of vernacular model in education. He further reminded us about the role of farmers for the development of India, as mentioned by Gandhiji.

Sh. Achutanand Mishra spoke at the end. Speaking on the occasion, he said that Gandhiji was not a man but an idea. He mentioned about the Gandhian Philosophy and non-violence. He said that Gandhian Principles are still relevant in the contemporary world. He further said that Gandhi never wanted the power but always believed in *Swaraj* through Panchayats and villages. He reminded us about the significance of Satyagraha and role of truth.

Discussion on “Environment Protection”

Culture and science have an interconnected relationship, that is, they complement each other. If culture gives the human heart the sophistication, charity, social service, cooperation, sympathy, science gives external strength to the human. The success of culture depends on skill, leadership, patience, aptitude of the people of the country and the adaptation of social interests. If people have a strong desire to solve the problems of their country, then they have the best and efficient ability to act in community activities.

In the symposium organized on August 28, 2018, over 150 participants participated in the programme. The seminar was resolved with the decision to discuss further activities and undertake project work.

The speakers at the discussion said that Indian culture plays an important and positive role in conservation of environment. They felt that an unbroken relationship between human and nature has been established which is completely unscientific and imbalanced. In our scriptures trees, plants, flowers, mountains, waterfalls, animal-birds, wild animals, rivers, forests, valleys, even stones are worshiped and their love and affection have been emphasized in scriptures alike.

The speakers further pointed out that Ramayana, Mahabharata, Bhagawat Gita, Vayu Purana, Skandpurana, Vishwanath Purana, Varahapurana, Brahmapuraan, Markandeya Purana, Matsyapuran, Garunpurana, Sri Vishnupuran, Bhagvatpuran, Sridevi Bhagwat Puran Vedas, Upanishads and Koran Bywil, Sri Guru Granth and other religious texts, have taught us show compassion to the trees, plants and other creatures.

Conference on “Mahatma Gandhi in Pristine Perspective: A Sesquicentennial Overview”

The Samiti in association with Shyam Lal College, University of Delhi organized a two-day conference on “Mahatma Gandhi in Pristine Perspective: A Sesquicentennial Overview” at Shyam Lal College on August 30-31, 2018. The Chief Guest of the programme was Chairperson of ICGS and an eminent Gandhian and Peace Activist, Dr. Neelakanta Radhakrishnan. Prof. Subrata Mukherjee, Prof. of Political Science was the key note speaker on the occasion.

The technical sessions that were held during the two-day conference included:



Chairperson of ICGS, Prof. N Radhakrishnan is seen lighting the ceremonial lamp at the inauguration of the conference.

– Day 1

- Technical Session I – *Gleaning Gandhi's Works: Hind Swaraj, etc.* This session was chaired by Dr. Y P Anand;
- Technical Session II – *Exploring Gandhian World Order* – This session was chaired by Prof. Veena Kukreja, Deptt of Pol Science, Delhi University
- Technical Session III – *Introspecting Gandhian Views on Environment and Science.* This session was chaired by Dr. Vichitra Gupta, Principal (Offtg), Moti Lal Nehru (E) College, DU

– Day 2

- Technical Session IV – *Khadi: Swadeshi, Self Employment and Empowerment.* This session was chaired by Shri Laxmi Dass, Vice-President Harijan Sevak Sangh and Co-Chaired by Shri Nathu Lal ji, Director State KVIC
- Technical Session V – *Social and Economic Ideas of Gandhi*
- Technical VI – *Gandhi in the Eye of Youth*
- The Valedictory Session was graced by Prof. Shankar Kumar Sanyal, Chief Guest and President of Harijan Sevak Sangh and President of Akhil Bharatiya Prakratik Chikitsa Parishad, Delhi

Regional Interfaith Dialogue on Child Dignity Online

A two-day regional Interfaith Dialogue on Child Dignity Online was held on September 26 and 27, 2018 at Gandhi Darshan. Following were the objective of the meeting:

- To understand the impact of violence against children and strategies to end the violence at family and societal level.
- The idea of the meeting was to promote an interreligious dialogue on the moral and ethical concerns associated with technological growth, their positive and negative impacts.
- Assist faith communities in their attempt to contextualize the digital world, and in particular the risks for children.
- To reflect on the role of faith communities in the protection of children in the digital world and share experiences, good practices and challenges to prevent online violence and protect children.
- To define priorities and concrete lines of action to take to the Interfaith Alliance for Safer Communities: Child Dignity Online that will take place in Abu Dhabi on November 19 and 20.

On September 26, 2018, about 200 children and interfaith leaders paid tributes to Bapu at Rajghat as part of the programme. Children from Siddhagiri Gurukul Foundation, Kaneri Math and from Lupin Human Welfare and Research Foundation, Bharatpur, Rajasthan also took part. Acharyas from the Gurukul led the prayer through an invocation.



Chairperson of Shanti Ashram, Dr. Vinu Aram addresses the gathering at the inauguration of the inter-faith dialogue in Gandhi Darshan.

Participants from Arigatou International, Ayna Foundation, Sri Ramakrishna Mission, Kolkata, delegation from United Arab Emirates, Focolare Movement, The Naz Foundation Trust, Maulana Azad University, Jodhpur, Chinmaya Organisation for Rural Development, PIDT, AVARD, Delhi University, National Bahai Assembly and others took part.



Speakers sharing their perspectives on issues related to children at the regional inter-faith dialogue on 'Child Dignity Online' organised by Shanti Ashram and GSDS in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.

Dr. Veenu Aram earlier led the delegation into a prayer at Gandhi Darshan, where a solo presentation by a college youth on child rights and dignity of children was a huge attraction.

• Odisha

Discussions on yearlong celebration of Mahatma Gandhi 150 marked 124th Vinobha Jayanti celebrations

To inculcate the works and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi and Acharya Vinoba Bhave among the youths and general masses on the occasion of 124th birth anniversary of Bhararashtra Vinoba Bhave and yearlong launching program of 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the Samiti in

association with Vinoba Seva Pratisthan organized a state level convention on September 11, 2018 at Jayadev Bhawan, Bhubaneswar, Odisha. Above 500 participants took part in the Convention.

The main objectives of the convention was

- Invite everyone who believes in the spirit of Gandhi and Vinoba, to share a common living with Gandhian Fellows;
- To create a platform of people and institutions having common thoughts and views for a collective living with peace, harmony and universal brotherhood;
- To endeavour to revive, promote, spread and reinforce Gandhian values of truth, non-violence, self reliance, swadeshi, swachhata, skill and sustainable development; and
- To infuse the volunteerism and constructive action into the mind of the youth through union of old and new.
- To endeavour to infuse the spirit of Gandhi deep into the prevailing social, cultural, economic and political life of the society we live in; To honour our constitution and rights provided to lead a dignified life.
- To recognize the contribution of freedom fighters, Gandhian Workers and Institutions for their immense contribution for a just society.
- To create a State network among Gandhian groups and individuals to propagate the ideology of Mahatma Gandhi on his 150th birth anniversary.
- To enhance and promote Indian tradition, art and culture especially local art and folk in the world.

The session was presided by eminent freedom fighter Shri Bhabani Charan Pattanayak and coordinated by the General Secretary of Vinoba Seva Pratisthan Shri Manoj Jena.



Gandhi Peace Prize awardee Shri Chandni Prasad Bhatt lights the ceremonial lamp at the inauguration of the 124th Vinoba Jayanti in Odisha.

Hon'ble Minister of Women and Child Development, MSME, SSEPD Mr. Prafulla Samal was the chief guest of the programme. Hon'ble Member of Parliament Shri Prasanna Patsani was the guest of honour on the occasion. The others who spoke on the occasion included PCC President Mr Niranjan Pattnaik.



Distinguished gathering releasing the Gandhi calendar during the programme in Odisha.

Eminent Gandhian Environmentalist and Gandhi Peace Prize Awardee, Padma Bhusan Shri Chandi Prasad Bhatt delivered the key note address. Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha Padma Bibhusan Shri Raghunath Mohapatra who himself is an eminent sculptor of the county was also present on the occasion. Chairperson of Mahila Adhikar Abhiyan[MAA] Smt. Namrata Chadha also shared her perspective at the convention.

Nirmala Deshpande Memorial Lecture organised

Dr. Mohini Giri, former chairman of National Women's Commission and presently Chairperson of Guild of Services, presided over a programme on "Nirmala Deshpande Smriti Vyakhyan (Memorial Lecture) and Nirmala Deshpande Aagaz Ae Dosti Award-2018" on October 11, 2018 at Gandhi Darshan. Almost 60 people took part in the programme organized by GSDS in association with Nirmala Deshpande Organisation; People's of Asia, Aagaz ae Dosti; Gandhi Global Family and National Youth Project. People from different walks of life took part and expressed their views on beliefs and commitment of late Nirmala Didi, as she was popularly known for her extensive work in the social domain.

Former member of National Women's Commission and well known social thinker, Dr. Sayeeda Hameed talked about the contribution of late Didi in world peace and national unity. She gave a reflection on her memoirs with late Nirmala Deshpande and described her work with various organizations striving for peace.



A speaker addressing the gathering during the Nirmala Deshpande Memorial Lecture in Gandhi Darshan.

Ms. Veena Bahen, Jaywanti Shyokand (Ex- IAS) and Ms Devika Mittal were honoured with the "Nirmala Deshpande Aagaz Ae Dosti" award for the year of 2018. It was also decided that the tradition of giving awards will be continued further and every year three distinguished people will be selected.

The speakers further informed that with the blessings of Late Sh. Kuldeep Nayyar, the *Aman-dosti Yatra* was organized on August 13-15, 2018 from Delhi to Amritsar and here the representatives were honoured by his granddaughter Ms. Mandira Nayyar.

Earlier, Sh. Ram Mohan Roy, Director of Gandhi Global Family gave a brief outline of the programme. Sh. Ravinitesh and Mrs. Hena Chakraborty shared their experiences about the *Aman dosti Yatra*.

Eminent persons like Shri Annamalai, Director of Gandhi Museum; renowned Gandhian thinker Dr. Y.P Anand; Shri S P Verma from Gandhi Global Family; well known historian Dr. Siddiq Ahmed Mev and Nawab Shoaib Khan, the descendant of the last Mughal Emperor Bahadur Shah Zafar also graced the occasion.

• ALIGARH

Avoidance of conflicts is the best form of conflict resolution: Tushar Gandhi

Underscoring that costs of any conflicts are very high, Mr Tushar Gandhi, the great grandson of Mahatma Gandhi stressed that all efforts should be made to avoid conflicts.

Delivering the key note address at a seminar on Gandhian Perspective on Alternative Dispute Resolution organized by the Samiti on October 30-31, 2018, Mr Gandhi said for many

people continuation of conflicts was an avenue of profit making. The programme was organized in association with Indialogue Foundation and the Aligarh Muslim University.



(From L to R): Mr. Behzad Fatmi from Indialogue Foundation, Mr. Tushar Gandhi, great grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, Prof. Tariq Mansoor, Vice Chancellor Aligarh Muslim University and Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer GSDS at the seminar in Aligarh.

"We must try to efface the causes of conflict rather than striving for resolving the conflicts. At the outset, the causes are to be spotted and a sustained effort is to be made to remove all that produces the conflict. Aiming at conflict resolution alone is nothing more than a fire-fighting operation. It cannot spell enduring peace", he said.

Mr Gandhi felt there was need to understand the possible signs of conflicts and then work accordingly to plug the reasons which could lead to conflicts. He said there was a lot to learn from Mahatma Gandhi for resolution of conflicts in contemporary society.

Spelling out the Gandhian perspective on "Alternative Dispute Resolution", Mr Tushar Gandhi said, "For Gandhiji, dialogue is the most effective tool for wrapping up a warm rapport between hostile individuals, communities and nations. When interactions cease to exist, a void is created which is filled by bullets", said Gandhi.

"Gandhiji rightly pointed out that conflict occurs when we find faults with others. One needs to look inward to find out his or her shortcomings. According to Bapu, human happiness index is much more important than the economic development index", he concluded.

Presiding over the function, Professor Tariq Mansoor, Vice Chancellor, AMU said that Gandhiji's espousal of non-violent resolution is of vital importance and it is invested with the tremendous potentiality for redeeming the crisis-torn world.

The Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University Prof Tariq Mansoor talked on the need to promote mutual respect amongst all sections of the society so as to ensure differences could be resolved amicably.

Prof Mansoor said that conflict resolution among nations through peaceful means and creation of a vibrant civil society are the things we desperately need and this is what Gandhiji emphasized on. Interfaith dialogues and a continuous debate involving opinion makers belonging to different walks of life are very much needed.

The GSDS Programme Officer Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu talked about the five pillars of Gandhian nonviolence- respect, understanding, acceptance, appreciation and compassion- and how these can help in avoidance of conflicts and disputes. He talked in details about the different interventions of the Samiti across the country. He said that the organization has been imparting training to CRPF, police personnel and civil servants on dimensions of Gandhian philosophy and approaches to non-violent conflict resolution.

Earlier, welcoming the guests, Prof Tariq Islam (Chairman, Department of Philosophy) called Tushar Gandhi as 'socio-political interventionist' and said that Mahatama Gandhi advocated for arbitration and mediation, the traditional mechanism of dispute resolution that found roots in Vedic teachings.



Young speakers at the seminar on 'Gandhian Perspective on Alternative Dispute Resolution' at Aligarh.

Quoting Jacques Deridda and Nietzsche, Prof Islam said that western conventional framework of justice was alien for traditional Indian society and Gandhi was worried about delay in justice delivery system. "Gandhiji advocated informal processes of ADR which not only removes grievances but brings lasting peace", he added.

Prof Islam pointed out that Gandhiji's Hind Swaraj raised strong criticism against the erstwhile British legal system that prevailed in India. According to him, Satyagraha was the natural way to resolve disputes and pure justice is inspired by fellow feeling, compassion and empathy.

Mr M Behzad Fatmi, Secretary General, Indialogue Foundation proposed a vote of thanks while Mr Zaid A Siddiqui conducted the programme.

The two days seminar saw different speakers talking on how alternative dispute resolution techniques should get primacy in view of mounting court cases.

• **BIHAR**

Seminar on "Waste Segregation for Healthier and Hygienic Nation"

The Samiti in association with Samta Seva Kendra, Sitamarhi Bihar organised a two days regional seminar on "Waste Segregation for Healthier and Hygienic Nation" at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Sitamarhi, Bihar from October 11-12, 2018. 484 participants took part in the seminar.

The seminar was inaugurated by Shri Dilip Kumar Rai, Hon'ble Member, Bihar Legislative Council. On Day one The key speakers at the seminar included Dr. Brajesh Sharma, Convenor, Nagrik Manch, Sitamarhi, Shri Nawal Kishore Rai, Ex M.P. cum Chairman, Samta Seva Kendra, Sitamarhi; Dr. Ram Eshwar Prasad, Senior Scientist and Head KVK Sitamarhi and Mr. Sachichidanand Prasad, Scientist, KVK Sitamarhi.

On October 12, Prof (Dr) Sanjay Kumar Singh, Hon'ble Member, Bihar Legislative Council, was the chief guest on the occasion. Shri Rameshwar Mahto, Hon'ble Member, Bihar Legislative Council was the guest of honour. The other speakers included Dr. Kinkar Kumar, Mr. Manohar Panjekar and Mr. Prakash Chandra all Scientists from KVK Sitamarhi.

The speakers at the two-day seminar pointed that the common practice for household refuse disposal in rural areas is to dump solid wastes openly in backyard gardens or in an open space. Such indiscriminate disposal is an environmental hazard and can threaten human health and safety.

• **PUNE, MAHARASHTRA**

Gram Swaraj Sammelan

Over 500 people took part in the *Gram Swaraj Sammelan* organised by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti in association with Siddhagiri Gurukul Foundation, Kaneri Math at Kohlapur Maharashtra from October 24-27, 2018. The thrust of the sammelan was on *Karigiri* or 'Workmanship'. Representatives from 13 states took part in the programme at Kaneri Village.



(Above and Below): Hon'ble Shri Mohan Bhagwat ji along with H.H. Swami Karya Siddheshwar Maharaj ji of Siddhagiri Gurukul Foundation Kaneri Math is seen inaugurating the Siddhagiri Karigar Gyanpeeth. Also present on the occasion were other delegates including Shri Basant ji, Shri Kapindra ji, Director GSDD, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan and others.

Among those who were present at the sammelan included Dr. Nripen Prasad Modi, HOD, Gandhian and Peace Studies from Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Wardha; Dr.

Gopal Paliwal from Karigar Panchayat; Shri Bharat Bhushan, Social Worker; Shri Yogesh Prabhu, Shri Harpal, Shri Bishnu Chetri, Shri Kan Singh Nirman.



H.H. Swami Karya Siddheshwar Maharaj ji speaking to a packed gathering at the seminar in Pune, Maharashtra.

The Gram Swaraj Sammelan saw the laying of the foundation stone of the new building for *Siddhagiri Karigar Gyanpeeth* by the chief guest Sarsangchalak Shri Mohan Bhagwat in the presence of Swamiji Karya Siddheshwar Maharaj. A *bhoomi puja* was organised on the occasion along with the inauguration of the new office. Dr. Chandrakhar, IAS R D Sindhe, Maharashtra; KVIC State Director Dr. S P Mishra; Mrs. Sita Ram Gupta from Lupin Foundation; Bade Raja Shri Kaushatendra Singh from IFFCO Foundation, Director GSDD Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Shri Basant Singh from Karigar Panchayat took part in the programme.

Earlier a *Gram Sanskriti Utsav* was organised on October 23, 2018 which was attended by revered Swamiji. Shri Basant ji was present on the occasion. Local artistes made a vivid cultural presentation on the occasion showcasing their rich cultural tradition.

State-level brainstorming session with Gau Gatha, Rashtra Gatha



Meeting of the state-level brainstorming session of 'Gau Gatha, Rashtra Gatha' in progress in Gandhi Darshan.

Almost 22 experts working on issues of organic farming, and dairy farming where cow and cow products are being used for medicinal purposes took part in a brainstorming session on "*Medicinal Benefits of Cow Products*" in Gandhi Darshan on October 31, 2018 in association with Gau Gatha, Rashtra Gatha. The session presided over by Shri Basant ji of Karigar Panchayat saw the participants discussing a wide range of issues of the benefits of Ayurvedic medicine. The key speakers included Shri Bharat Bhushan, Shri Babulal Gaulcha, Shri Satish ji, Shri Kan Singh Nirman and Shri Harpal Singh.

The following points were discussed:

1. Arrangement of cow shelter for cows roaming in the streets or left abandoned
2. Discuss the importance of cow through painting and street play
3. Discussion on cow based matter and nature
4. Awareness of the people against cow through cow dhaba
5. Discussion on linking of 117 districts of Government as enlisted in the Niti Ayog
6. Discussion on linking the prisons with cows for cow products
7. Discussion on the need to run certificate course and degree course from National Skill Development for Cow management

KANPUR

Dialogue on Integrating Nonviolence Communication in Legal Practices

The Samiti organised a one day dialogue “Integrating Nonviolence Communication (NVC) in Legal Practices” at Shri Ram Law College, located at Nandna in Ghatampur in Kanpur on November 26, 2018. Shri Gulshan Gupta N.E. Coordinator and Shri Deepak Pandey coordinated the programme. Almost 300 participants took part in the programme.



Dialogue on Integrating Nonviolence Communication in Legal Practices in progress in Sri Ram Law College, Kanpur.

Former President of Bar Association, Kanpur, Shri Indrapal Singh Bhadauria was the chief guest on the occasion. He told that in the field of advocacy, there had been a tremendous change after the 70s. He shared his experiences in the field of advocacy with the students and told the students that the discipline is very important.

Shri Gulshan Gupta said, “We have to understand that legal system is the primary institutional solution to conflict resolution among individuals and groups”. He added that Mahatma Gandhi’s originality lay in the formulation of a new technique of non-violent non-cooperation or Satyagraha for social action. He believed that Satyagraha is an infallible means for resolving all social, political and economic evils. As a technique of social action, Satyagraha may be applied to resolve the following type of social conflicts:

- Conflict between one individual and another individual
- Conflict between an individual and a group
- Conflict between one group and another group or between two classes
- Conflict between a section of the community and the state
- Conflict between one nation and another nation

Ms. Meenakshi Joshi (Adv. Delhi High Court) told the students that both morality and ethics has its importance in the realm of advocacy. As human and social beings, we tend to build relationships with others. We need to work in groups and collaborate at different levels. Therefore, it is quite common to face conflicts in our daily life due to the fact there are overlapping interests, interdependent goals or diverse points of agreement between two or more parties.

She said in an interactive talk with the students, we take a lot of time to convince a Case in



our country. NVC teaches us how we can tell non-violent intention to ordinary citizens. Alternative Dispute Resolution System (ADR) has adopted this method. She told to students how Gandhi ji adopted nonviolent theory in the court and adopted the same trend in ordinary life. Describing the meaning of the ADR, Adv. Joshi said that how it works in Arbitration and Mediation. At the same time, she informed the students that at all points like Arbitration, Mediation and Negotiation it must be remembered that the lawyer is a social engineer who works for the society.

Students told how Gandhiji adopted the nonviolent theory in court and adopted the same trend in simple life.

2nd Anupam Mishra Memorial Lecture on “Knowledge of the Ordinary Folk”

The Samiti organised the 2nd Anupam Mishra Memorial Lecture on the theme “Knowledge of the Ordinary Folk” by renowned grassroots environmentalist and social activist from Rajasthan, Shri Chatar Singh. About 200 people took part in the programme organised in Gandhi Darshan on December 22, 2018.

The programme, like last year began on a sombre note, reiterating the words of Anupam Mishra. His picture of carrying an umbrella wasn’t placed. As if he was saying it again: “Why preserve

the image of my umbrella! If you want to cherish these drops of rain Reverse the umbrella Fill the drops in it. I will pick up myself. "

The programme began with a rendition of bhajans of Sant Kabeer, Meerabai, Sant Tulsidas by veteran classical singer and elder brother of Late Anupam Mishra, Shri Amitabh Mishra. From *Zindegi ka hai bharosa* to *Jhini Jhini Bini Chadariya*, many facets of spirituality – of life and death – were displayed by the artiste.



(Above): Noted environmentalist Shri Chatar Singh delivering the 2nd Anupam Mishra Memorial Lecture in Gandhi Darshan.
(Below): Distinguished gathering at the lecture (L). Shri Amitabh Mishra, elder brother of Late Anupam Mishra rendering 'Nirgun bhajans' on the occasion.

Shri Chatar Singh recalled how the society tested him for one year and how he got himself involved in understanding the society for a year. He said, "When I did not look at the society, I saw government structure more. I learnt to fight for the rights of the people, demand for their rights, go for strike. But then, I asked them to break their earthen pots. They said, "If we burst our pots, where will we store our water?"

While reminiscing about Late Anupam Mishra, Shri Chatar Singh ji said, "Only after meeting Shri Anupam Mishra I realized that society knows the solutions to all its problems ... society used to say that Chatra Singh is well-educated. He has four eyes. Whether that was true or not, I know when he smiled, in his smile, I found a solution to the problem. Anupam ji understood the problems of the people at a glance and this left

them wondered as to how this person came from Delhi".

Chatar Singh ji based his lecture on the work that he had done over the period of three decades. He also referred to Anupam Mishra's book "Phir Bhi Hare Hai Talab" and said the research done by Late Anupam Mishra ji is a repository of how mathematically conservation of environment is possible.

While referring to various water management and preservation initiatives by the government, Shri Chatar Singh lamented lack of effort by the government for which sometimes the neglect is visible on the surface.

While concluding, he felt that government and people must come up together to address water crisis. "Sometimes placing pipelines can reduce water level, which only the traditional engineers of the soil will be able to tell. And the pipe that stands tall is without water and people stand waiting for that one drop..." he concluded.



The programme ended with the thought that if Anupam ji were to be alive today, he would have said: "Why do we have to debate on this issue? Society has stood up with people like Chatar Singh, Laxman Singh and Rajendra Sing Rana. Let us also do it. One day the rest of the society will stop staring at the pipe..."

WEST BENGAL

Seminar and awareness programme on "Relevance of concept of Gandhiji's Trusteeship and concept of D. B. Thengdii Labourisation" organised

The Samiti in association with Uthaan Foundation in West Bengal organised a three-day seminar and awareness programme on "Relevance of concept of Gandhiji's Trusteeship and concept of

D. B. Thengdii Labourisation” from December 14-16, 2018. The programme was presided by Dr. Ajay Maity, renowned Ayurved Doctor and Gandhian Philosopher. The chief guest of the programme was Shri Baijnath Rai, renowned National Trade Union Leader and Shri Biswajit Ghorui, Secretary, West Bengal Sarvodaya Samiti was the special guest.



Seminar organised by Uthaan Foundation in progress in West Bengal. Seen here is an invocatory performance by the artists.



Speaking on the occasion, Shri Biswajit Ghorui spoke on the Trusteeship as viewed by Mahatma Gandhi and said that Gandhiji thought that 'Trusteeship' was that the wealthy people would be the trustee of their entire properties i.e. wealth; and that they should look after the 'welfare' of the people in general. He said, "The principle of Trusteeship evolved in the mind of Gandhiji as a result of his spiritual development.

Interaction with the trainees and resource persons was held. Shri Shakti Pathak and Shri Priyabrata Dutta also spoke on the occasion and shared their experiences with the trainees.

On Day II, December 16, Shri Baij Nath Rai outlined the concept of Gandhiji's Trusteeship and Thengadiji Labourisation. While speaking about the concept of "Industrial Family" where people have realised that wealth and labour are two faces of a coin and they are now trying to put together

'employer', 'labour', 'government' and 'consumer'. Since all are of the same family, the successful utilisation of wealth and labour under the umbrella of the 'Industrial Family' is the call of the day. He said that each – 'employer' and 'employee' and even 'consumers' are members of this 'industrial family', and that each are interlinked and dependent on each other.

Seminar on Understanding the Environmental Crisis on Delhi's Diaspora

Keeping in view the depleting air pollution in the country per se and the Capital City especially, GSDS and Udit Asha Welfare Society jointly organised a two-day seminar on "Gandhian Strategies for Environmental Crisis in Delhi" on January 19-20, 2019 at Varun Dhaka Institute of Technology, Krishna Vihar, New Delhi. Shri Gulshan Gupta, North East Coordinator took part in the programme. Shri Amlesh Raju, Sr. Journalist from Jansatta, Shri Manoj Sinha and Shri Sachin Meena from Udit Asha Welfare Society coordinated the programme.



The chief guest of the programme, Shri Vijay Pal Baghel, more popularly known as 'Green Man' is seen addressing the gathering.

The chief guest of the programme was Shri Vijay Pal Baghel, more popularly known as 'Green Man'. Other guests on the occasion included noted environmentalist, Shri M C Singh, Ms. Chitra Kesarwani from Mokshada, former MLA from Sultanpuri, Shri Jaikishan, Shri Anil Bharti, President of Rashtrabadi Janta Party; Shri Balanath, Retd Delhi Police Officer; educationist Shri Dalbir Singh, Principal of the R D Public School Ms. Sandhya Bharadwaj and others.

Speaking on the occasion, Green Man Shri Vijay Pal Baghel asserted that there's no alternative to environment and its protection. More than anything else, there's no price for this precious gift

of nature. He said, "It is the duty of everybody that they must plant a tree, see it grow and more so never allow anybody to fell it down or cause any form of destruction to the tree", adding, "Any such destruction is like the separating one person from the other".



(Left): Participants at the programme and (Below): participants being given the resource kit from GSDS as part of the programme.



"We must take a pledge and commit ourselves to take this message of protecting the environment and plant trees and save them. This campaign should reach each house of Delhi", Shri Baghel concluded.

While interacting with the students, Shri Gulshan Gupta highlighted the importance of the environment and also encouraged them to spread awareness in their family and community.

On January 20, Shri Anil Bharti said that both the Central Government and State Governments have taken initiative towards environmental protection, but asserted that there is an urgent need for people to take up the cause at the ground level to raise maximum awareness. People's participation is the key to success of this campaign to safeguard the environment.

Sharing their perspectives on this subject, senior journalist Shri Nasir Khan and Vikas Mishra said that environmentalists are cautioning the people of India indicating that by 2030 only 30 per cent population will have access to pure drinking water in the country. This is a dangerous situation.

13th Netaji Subhash Memorial Lecture organised

The Samiti in association with Netaji Subhash Bose – INA Trust organised the 13th Netaji Subhash Memorial Lecture on January 24, 2019 at FICCI Auditorium, Tansen Marg, New Delhi. The lecture was organised with the aim to pay tribute to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and the INA emphasizing on their contribution towards achieving India's freedom from British occupation and the relevance of his vision and advice in the present day context.



(Above and Below): INA veterans and other dignitaries paying homage to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose at the 13th Netaji Subhash Memorial Lecture organised at FICCI.

Shri Subhash Kashyap, Former Secretary General of the Lok Sabha and a nationally expert on constitutional affairs was the chief Guest. Shri Dilip Chenoy, Secretary General of FICCI was the guest of honour. Shri Arif Mohammad Khan a well known scholar and social worker delivered the 13th Memorial Lecture on the subject 'Subhash ` Concept and Practice of Secularism. Brig R S Chhikara (Retd) delivered the welcome address and gave a prelude to the event. Mrs Bharti Sahai a veteran of the INA (Rani Jhansi Regiment) was honoured by the Chief Guest on the occasion.

• HARYANA

Seminar on "Religion, Society and Logic" with the eternal ideas of Vasudev Kutumbhakam organised

A three-day workshop concluded successfully from January 4 to 6, 2019, on the theme of "Religion, society and logic in the Agnionog Ashram of Bahalpa Village located in Gururgram, Haryana. In this program, famous social worker Swami Agnivesh, participants from different sectors of the country, took part in the deliberations. 46 people who participated in the workshop shared information about the implementation of new schemes in the future, to implement further plans in their respective areas. The participants who arrived on the first day discussed the purpose of the program and the expertise of their fields. GSDS organised this programme in association with Dharma Pratishthan.



(Above and Below): Swami Agnivesh in dialogue with the youth and members of the community during the seminar in Haryana on "Religion, Society and Logic".

The second day started with Yoga-Exercise, in which natural physician Dr Vijata Arya held a Yoga and Natyagraha meditation along with Yogasana and Swami Agnivesh also shared their life experiences with the importance of yoga during this time.

In the second session on day II, Swami Agnivesh held talks with peers on society and religion and life and reason. Many colleagues also questioned him in this. In the third session, the participants went to the hills of Bahalpa where discussions with the music were discussed.

Discussions on interfaith, interrelated elements of religion, logic and life were also discussed. Swami Agnivesh, with the hypothesis of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam', made a special emphasis on the need to work towards eliminating the illogical and narrow things being spread in the society in the name of religion so that inclusive society and pluralist culture in society.

BUNDI, RAJASTHAN

Seminar on Relevance of Gandhian Principles in the Society today

The Samiti in association with Acharya Kakasaheb Kalelkar Lok Seva Kendra, Bundi, Rajasthan organised a two-day seminar on "Relevance of Gandhian Principles in the Society today" under the theme of "Inculcating Gandhian Values" on January 5-6, 2-19 in Rajasthan. The programme began with sarvadharm prarthana (inter-faith prayer). The chief guest was Mrs. Sonia Gurjar, Head of Bundi Zilla Parishad.

The keynote speaker of the inaugural programme was Prof. (Dr) Ramesh Bharadwaj, Director Gandhi Bhawan, Delhi University. Former Principal of Bundi College Prof. D. Agarwal extended the Gandhian philosophy of Gramraj. Mrs. Asha Gupta, retired Principal from District Bundi underlined the relevance of the Gandhian constructive in the society.



Prof. Ramesh Bharadwaj, Director Gandhi Bhawan, Delhi University looks on as a child gives an invocatory performance.

Dr. Om Prakash, from Sonapat, Haryana touched many of the unknown facets associated with the life of Mahatma Gandhi and pointed that the principles of truth and ahimsa are eternally relevant, more so in the contemporary context.



Participants at the seminar in Bundi, Rajasthan.

Mr. Munnabhai Qadri, the Qazi of Bundi City highlighted various aspects of Gandhian philosophy. He said that the message of universal brotherhood, mutual brotherhood and love which all the great men have given us, should be imbibed in our lives. He stressed on the following points: "Respect the woman; teach/educate daughters, make them a respectable citizen".

The Principal of Sanskrit Vidyalaya, Mrs Archana also gave an encouraging and important statement, and highlighted the life of Gandhiji and explained that if we had accepted Gandhiji in the right way, then today the young people and the society will not be directionless, dissent, unemployment.

The second session of the seminar began with the school children giving their presentations, in which children presented Gandhiji's songs, patriotic songs, speeches, poems, stories, plays and dance. Further the local women participants presented folk songs and dance on the occasion.

On day two, former District Chief Smt. Asha Meena; Smt. Shakuntala, former Sarpanch; Ms. Saroj Sharma; Ms. Meenakshi Sharma; Shri Neeraj Shankar Atraoy and Mrs. Suman also highlighted the idea of how much the acceptance of Gandhiji's ideas are relevant in today's situation.

Gandhian thinker, Smt. Bina Handa Shri Vijay Kumar Handa and others also spoke on the occasion. In the closing ceremony, 200 blankets were distributed among the poor farmers and laborers of the areas around Badagaon by Shri Vijay Handa.

National Seminar on Volunteering for Nature-Human-Wildlife Mutual Co-existence organised

The Samiti in association with Confederation of Community Based Organisations of India (CCBOS) organised a two-day seminar on "Volunteering for Nature-Human-Wildlife Mutual Co-existence" at Agra Uttar Pradesh on January 28-29, 2019. Shri Umesh Chandra Gaur Chairman CCBOS organised the programme in Agra. The chief guest in this programme was Shri Mohan Singh Longhi. Youth

from the nearby villages and women in large number took part in the programme.



National seminar on 'Volunteering for Nature-Human-Wildlife Mutual Co-existence' in progress in Uttar Pradesh. Participants (below) at the seminar.

The speakers underlined the need for protection of environment and expressed their concern about the depleting natural resources. They felt that harmony between, nature, human-wildlife is eluding fast, which may pose great danger to the flora and fauna.

Shri O P Rajput, youth social worker highlighted the depleting conditions of the environment and human fallacies as reasons for obesity and also diseases. He further expressed concern about the dangerous role played by human beings in destroying the environment which in turn is destroying the life style of the animals.

Participating students and youth also interacted with the resources persons during the two-day seminar and pledged that they would go back to the their respective areas and work on these issues to spread awareness.

Gandhi's vision of Ram Rajya – A Seminar

The Samiti in association with Pragya Sanstha organised the "Ayodhya Festival – A concept of Mahatma Gandhi's Ram Rajya" in Indira Gandhi National Art Center (IGNCA), on January 5, 2019. A conference organised on the occasion

was presided by Shri Ram Bahadur Rai, President of IGNCA. Shri Jawaharlal Kaul, President of Pragya Institute, senior journalist, Banwariji and Shri Rahul Dev and Shri Basantji presented their perspectives of "Gandhi's vision of Ram Rajya".



Shri Basant ji, former Advisor to GSDS speaking at the seminar as distinguished speakers such as Shri Ram Bahadur Rai, Shri Jawaharlal Kaul, Shri Banwari ji and others are all ears.

Shri Ram Bahadur Rai said that the image of Gandhiji that we all have created is that of the Mahatma, which is not just an injustice to us, but also to Gandhiji himself. Let us remember Gandhiji as a *karmayogi*.

Seminar on Employment Oriented Migration of Women

The Samiti in association with Azra Foundation organised a seminar on "Inter-state Employment Oriented Migration of Female in India" on March 9, 2019. The panel of esteemed guest who were invited as speakers included chief guest Mrs. Soso Shazia from the National Commission for Women; Dr. Rehman, Prof. Avinash from NIPA, Mrs. Marshah, Chairman of Minority Development of India, Mrs Mamata, social worker. The other partner organisations included Minority Development of India, NCC Foundation, Hunar Academy.

Mrs Soso Sazia addressed the issue of women from the North Eastern states who come

here to study and further stay back to get jobs and reflected on how this is affecting the lives of their families and cultures. She said that this is more so, because, "Being so far away in a completely different land with entirely different language and culture, it is very risky, since they have to trust people in fulfilling the needs and obligations for settling their lives away from home like renting out houses etc."



Speakers at the seminar organised by GSDS in association with the Azra Foundation join for a group photograph.

Mrs. Marshah who is the Chairman of Minority Development of India, shared her wisdom on how her being a woman is a challenge as she has to come across face-to-face with male dominance on a daily basis and why it is important for women to be on such platforms for other women. She said "We must focus on such issues and be vigil and supportive towards other woman in need and also seek for information about the possibilities and policies that government has to offer. True women empowerment will only come when men of the society will understand the contribution of women in their lives and it is the very responsibility of the women to make her presence felt as an individual too along-side her duties towards her family".

Professor Rehman and Prof. Avinash brought out the vision of importance of creating a safe environment at work place and said that "We must embed this in our daily lives starting with our wives and daughters and every housemaids, respecting their needs and capacities understanding their contribution at home and at work".

Mrs Mamta a social worker shared that in her work, she comes across victims of sexual abuse, women trafficking and how lack of vigilance around our human community has basically made them be the victims with no hope for help. She demanded that people must stand up to protest any violence meted against women.

Mr Gulshan Gupta addressed and concluded the discussion with the message of Mahatma Gandhi and GSDS; and that how they are always eager to stand in support such initiatives of social welfare.

Miscellaneous Programmes

National workshop on 'Water an Element of Life' organised

The Samiti in association with Jaladhikar Foundation organised a day-long national seminar on "Water is Life" in Gandhi Darshan on April 14, 2018. About 500 participants took part in the programme. Principles from the eight colleges of Delhi University took part in the programme.

Swami Chidaroopanand from Chinmaya Mission graced the occasion. Dr. Mahesh Chand Sharma, former Member of Parliament Rajya Sabha, Dr. Shekhar Aggarwal, Chancellor, Shobhit University and others were the distinguished guests on the occasion. Shri Kailash Goduka Secretary, Jaladhikar Foundation.



Distinguished speakers at the workshop on 'Water and Element of Life' in Gandhi Darshan.

Among the others who took part in the programme were 30 people working on water issues; 50 office bearers from the Resident Welfare Organisation; 25 Market Association office bearers and 300 students from different institutions in Delhi.

The following discussions were organised:

1. Various dimensions of "Water as the integral source of life"
2. Who owns water?
3. The righteousness of water business
4. Whether the shortage is of water or its management?
5. Traditional as well as modern methods of water conservation

Shramdaan organised

The Samiti as part of its *swachhatta abhiyaan* organised a cleanliness drive on April 12 and April 19, 2018 respectively in Gandhi Darshan. Assistant Librarian Smt. Sunita Joshi coordinated the shramdaan in coordination with the Programme Unit. Other staff of the GSDS joined in the cleanliness drive. A prayer meeting – *Sarva Dharma Prarthana* was also organised on the occasion.

Swachhata Abhiyaan organised

A programme on *Swachhata Abhiyaan* was organised on April 22, 2018 at the Central Government Employee, Multi-Storey Flats T-III Dev Nagar (Karol Bagh), New Delhi by GSDS. Around 132 parents and children were present on the occasion. The participants started the initiative by cleaning the campus area that included the Gym; L-shaped Park and volley ball ground and its surrounding area. An oath was also administered by Shri Gulshan Gupta, North East Coordinator GSDS and he shared his ideas on the importance of swachh Bharat, swachh environment and how to behave with the *safai karamcharis*.

Ms. Madhimita Khan while talking to the participants on cleanliness and hygiene highlighted that parents need to train their children in basics of sanitation.

Group song by Samriddhi Shah, Pihu Sinha, Vedanshi, Sreyansh Jha and Vaisnav Saiju was another highlight of the programme.

Screening of film on Non-Violent Communication

The Samiti hosted the screening of the documentary film on "Non-Violent Communication" in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat on May 18, 2018. The film focussed on the different aspects of non-violent communications with interviews of resource persons, experts, Gandhian thinkers, working professionals, and experience sharing by home guards personnel.

Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Shri S A Jamal, Administrative Officer, Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer, other staff and members of the Samiti took part in

the discussions on the film and presented their suggestions for improvising the same in the film.

Various suggestions were taken to be incorporated in the film. It was suggested that:

1. A soft instrumental music *Vaishnava Jana Tau* could play in the background.
2. Make a shorter version of the film for showing during the workshop with essential meaning
3. Increase the respondents
4. Make the message of the film more clear and emphatic.
5. Incorporate the problems faced by the participants.

Artists display their traditional art form at the Lok Kala Mahotsava

Artists from all over India took part in the festival of *Akhila Bharatiya Lok Kala Mahotsav* at Gandhi Darshan on May 25-26, 2018 and showcased their creative talent through traditional art forms. Organised by the Karnataka Sahasa Kala Academy in association with Confederation of Community Based Organisations in India (CCBOs), the participants in Gandhi Darshan presented their folk culture and displayed the rich folk and cultural heritage of India. Almost 200 artists from Kashmir, Haryana, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Kerala, Odisha, Jharkhand, Goa, Chattisgarh, Uttarakhand, Manipur and other states took part in the programme. The artists have also performed at various other places during this period from May 25-31, 2018.



An artist performing at the Akhil Bharatiya Lok Kala Mahotsav.

Speakers at the programme in Gandhi Darshan included Shri Umesh Chand Gaur, President CCBOs; Shri Nirmal Vaid, President and Shri Hassan Raghu from the All India Folk and Tribal Art Parishath (National Council for Folk and Tribal Art) who reiterated the need to preserve the dying folk art of India that is a storehouse of information and knowledge.

The programme was supported by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India under the scheme *National Presence Ministry of Culture, GOI*.

Yoga Utsav organised

A "Yoga Utsav" was organised by GSDS on June 16, 2018 at JVCC Lawns, Sec-21, NOIDA, Uttar Pradesh. Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Hon'ble Minister of Culture and VC GSDS was the chief guest on the occasion. Padma Bhushan Shri Ram Vanji Sutar graced the occasion with his presence. About 100 *yog sadhak and sadhika* (practitioners) and 500 audiences took part in the programme.



YOGA THROUGH LAUGHTER: Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Hon'ble Minister of Culture and VC GSDS join the participants at the JVCC Lawns NOIDA to perform Yoga.

In his address, Dr. Mahesh Sharma emphasised the importance of yoga to lead a positive and healthy life to bring harmony and peace in the world. He also performed yoga with the participants. "Yog Patrika", monthly newsletter was also launched on the occasion by Dr. Mahesh Sharma.

A large number of people from all walks of life participated in the Yog Utsav. Yoga session was conducted by Mr. Prem Kumar Bakshi along with Shri Santosh and Ms. Rashmi Jha. Yogasana competition was an attraction of the celebrations.

Shri N S Negi, Shri P V Janardhan and Ms. Rashmi were external judges for the purpose. Cultural programmes based on Yoga were performed.

Yoga ...a way to connect with divinity leading to a path of being in essence

As we all know that Yoga is more than 10,000 years old practice which sages of Ancient India gave as the heritage to the world and thus embedded seeds of balance into our existence and life style. On December 11, the United Nations General Assembly declared June 21 as the International Day of Yoga.



Yogacharya Varun conducts Yoga in Gandhi Darshan as part of the International Day of Yoga as participants join the session.

Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti on this occasion as part of the 4th *International Day of Yoga* organized various practical sessions of 'Yoga' in different places such as the "Department of Home Guards, Raja Garden, New Delhi; NOIDA Entrepreneurs Association and Jal Vayu Vihar Community Centre in NOIDA, Uttar Pradesh and in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.

1. In *Gandhi Darshan*, the yoga session was jointly organised by GSDS and IGNOU Regional Centre-2. Here, about 250 people practiced yoga for an hour in the direction of resource persons namely Shri Varun Nautiyal, Shri Sagar Adhikari and Smt. Neha Chaurasiya. Also, a naturopathy session was conducted by Dr. Manju Aggarwal.



Yoga has gone global with its origin rooted in Indian culture, Union Minister Dr. Mahesh Sharma said on the International Yoga Day in *Shahid Minar in Central part of Kolkata* in the Yoga Day programme organised by *Kreeda Bharati, West Bengal*. The hon'ble Minister also performed yoga on the occasion. Over 2,000 people, including children and young people, took part in over the 40-minute long yoga session.



GSDS' Vice Chairperson and Hon'ble Minister of Culture, Dr. Mahesh Sharma takes part in the yoga session at Kreeda Bharati, West Bengal on the occasion of the International Day of Yoga.

"Yoga has become a global practice having its roots in India. Today every corner of the globe is celebrating Yoga Day as yoga has become a part of our life," he told reporters in Kolkata.



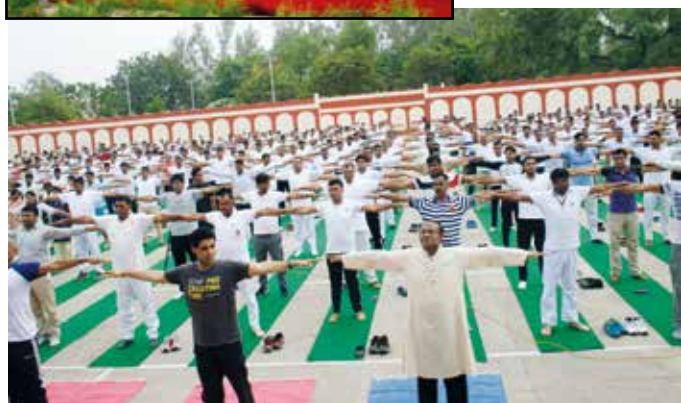
GSDS' Vice Chairperson and Hon'ble Minister of Culture, Dr. Mahesh Sharma addresses the gathering at Kreedha Bharati, West Bengal on the occasion of the International Day of Yoga.

"Yoga, which has mental and physical healing effect and is a stress-reliever, causes holistic improvement and has become a part of modern life," he said.

2. In *Department of Home Guards*, almost 200 participants practiced yoga in the presence of Yogacharya Shri Arun Tiwari. Also, a talk on "Naturopathy and Healthy Life" was delivered by Dr. Manju Aggarwal who discussed about the benefits and impact of Naturopathy in our daily life. Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu was present on the occasion.



Yogacharyas (Inset) conducting the Yoga session for the participants (below) in the Department of Home Guards.



3. In *NOIDA Entrepreneurs Association*, Sec-21, NOIDA Union Minister for Power, Coal New and Renewable Energy, Shri Piyush Goyal and Bharatiya Janata Party MLA, Shri Pankaj Singh

performed Yoga along with the participants. Shri Sushil Kumar Shukla from GSDS took part in the programme.



Hon'ble Shri Piyush Goyal, Union Minister for Power, Coal, New and Renewable Energy(second from L) is seen taking part in the International Day of Yoga in NOIDA Entrepreneurs Association on June 21, 2018.

4. Further, *Jal Vihar Community Centre (JVCC)*, NOIDA organised a Yoga session as part of the International Day of Yoga under the banner of "Global Yoga Mission (India)". Yog professionals conducted the yoga session. General V K Singh was present on the occasion. Members of 'Laughter Club' and other Nodia residents joined the programme.

Yagya Expo- 2075 discusses traditional aspects of Vedic Arts and Sciences

Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, in association with Arsa Bharati Trust, Gouras Pariwar, Telangana G.O.U. Federation (Goras Organizations United Federation, Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts (IGNCA) and Multiple Voluntary Institutions, have jointly organized "Y.A.G.Y.A. Expo – 2075" from July 14 – 24 July, 2018 at Gandhi Darshan.

The main objective of the expo was to showcase the traditional aspects of applied Vedic arts & Sciences of Yog, Ayurveda, Govidya, Yagya, etc. with a prime focus on their potential applications in present day's agriculture, Health Care, Education, Culture, Environment Protection (Reversal of Climate Change), Livelihood Generation and Community bonding, there by achieving the global goals of sustainable development S.D.Gs – 2030 which states: (No poverty, Zero hunger, Clean Water & Sanitation, Good Health and well-being, reduced inequalities, responsible consumption and production, sustainable cities and communities, climate action, Quality education, etc.)

The expo was inaugurated by Shri Manhar Zala (Chairman, National Safai karmchari Commission) at the I.G.N.C.A. auditorium on July 14, 2018. Shri Subhash Jindal (Patron of Bharat

Sosevak Samaj) presided over the inaugural session that was attended by over 60 delegates from various parts of the country.

Other dignitaries who occupied the Dias included Dr. ISH Narang (Delhi Arya Pratinidhi Sabha), Er. Subodh Kumar (Working President of G.O.U. Federation), Umesh Chandra Gaur (CCBOS of India) and Melinda IRTL FOLDINE (Goras Pariwar, Hungary). The Inaugural session concluded with a cultural program of Sh. S.V. Rao and his team members.



Speakers (above and below) discussing the significance of Vedic Arts and Sciences at the Yagya Expo in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.

The three major events of Y.A.G.Y.A. conference – “Somayag Workshop” and “G.O.W. Sansad” were organized in Gandhi Darshan.

The Somayag Workshop was organized during July 18-22 July covering multiple theme of “Gurukul Education”, “Traditional health care systems”, “Waste management techniques for sustainable development of rural clusters”. A The expo was attended by over 150 delegates from 15 states during the ten day programme, besides two delegates from abroad.

“As ambassadors of peace, think about development”: Kuldip Nayyar

Veteran journalist and a crusader of peace amongst people of India and Pakistan, Shri Kuldip Nayyar reiterated the need for developing people-to-people contact between India and Pakistan to usher in an era peace. 95-year-old Kuldip Nayyar was addressing the participants of the “Aman Dosti Yatra” from India to Wagha Border carrying the message of peace and nonviolence as part of the 72nd Independence Day Celebration, when the team from India will meet their friends on the midnight of August 14 at Wagha Border amidst celebration and exchange of ideas. The programme that was attended by over 120 participants was organized at Gandhi Darshan on August 12, 2018.



Veteran journalist Shri Kuldip Nayyar (above) addresses the gathering (below), as Shri Satyapal looks on.

Speaking to the participants the nonagenarian remembered the time of partition of India and said that the division in terms of religion was the greatest mistake ‘of our times’. “We have to stop the growing fanaticism and start introspecting ourselves and relive what Mahatma

Gandhi believed in developing amicable relationship between people across the border. He said that whenever he visited Pakistan, he had received the warmth and love from people in Pakistan who also want peace between two nations". He further pointed that poverty was one of the key factors that is responsible for the most of the disturbing factors and felt that addressing this crucial issue could yield in positive results. He further urged the members present to talk issues of development.

The programme was also attended by Dr. Mohini Giri, Chairperson, Guild of Services, Dr. Sayeeda Hamid, Beena Bahen, Shri Satyapal, Shri Ram Mohan Rai, Smt. Jaiwanti Sheokand (former IAS), people from the civil society, Gandhian workers and others. Further participants from Bangalore, Uttarakhand, Maharashtra, Bombay and Aligarh also attended the programme.

In her address, Smt. Jaiwanti Sheokand said that people from both the countries want such exchange programmes. Even amidst the bugle of wars or war-like-situation, it is the people who do not want disputes and today the responsibility of the youth is to become both the *mashal* (torch bearers) as well as *missal* (role models) for carrying what our elders have taught us.



Distinguished gathering (from R to L) Shri Ram Mohan Rai, Shri Kuldip Nayyar, Shri Satyapal, Dr. Sayeda Hamid, Veena Bahen, Smt. Jaiwanti Sheokand, Dr. Mohini Giri along with Rajdeep Pathak release the Aman Dosti Yatra booklet on the occasion.

Dr. Saeeda Hamid while remembering the torchbearers of hope between both India and Pakistan lamented that today a generation of people such as Asma Jahangir, Justice Rajinder Sacar and many others like them have left the earth, but have given us the torch of hope to continue developing people-to-people contact with our sisters and brothers. She said: "We have come to a point in our lives, when each of us one by one will leave. But the youth must carry forward this yatra to its fulfillment".

In her address, Dr. Mohini Giri appealed the people to take 'love', 'colour' and above all a 'pinch of this soil' for the brethrens of Pakistan during this Yatra.

Addressing the gathering, Shri Ram Mohan Rai, from the Gandhi Global Family said that not just Mahatma Gandhi is ours, also his ideologies and philosophy is ours. "Gandhi Vichar needs to be implemented at the basic level, in the hearts of individuals who must also introspect", he concluded.

The occasion also saw the release of the official 'Aman Dosti Yatra Brouchure and Badge' by the distinguished guests. The programme concluded with the words *goli nahi, boli chahiye/ yudh nahi budh chahiye/jung nahi, aman chahiye*.

Give your contribution for 150years of Ba & Bapu: Dipanker Shri Gyan

While unfurling the tri colour on the occasion of the 72nd Independence Day celebrations in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat, Director GSDS Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan called upon the staff members of the GSDS to come up with ideas about the celebrations of the 150 years of Mahatma Gandhi and his wife Kasturba Gandhi. Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan was also addressing the family members of the GSDS staff who resided in the quarters in Gandhi Darshan.



Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan unfurls the Indian National Flag as a celebration to mark the 72nd Independence Day, as Shri Mohit Mohan leads the National Anthem.

He said that history has given an opportunity to everybody to render their services during the 150th birth anniversary of Ba and Bapu. Calling it a proud moment to witness the 150th celebrations, Director GSDS asked everyone to keep their surroundings clean and tidy, which for Gandhiji was the supreme act of service to the society.



(Above): Participants pay salutations to the spirit of Independence, as young children join the celebrations.

The programme also saw the participation by the children of the staff members and rendition of patriotic numbers by Divya Gyan.

Recalling the 'Vajpayee Touch' at his condolence meeting

Rich tributes were paid to former Prime Minister of India and a great statesman, Late Shri Atal Behari Vajpayee at a commemorative programme organized in Gandhi Darshan organized jointly by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti and Indira Gandhi National Open University Regional Centre -2 on August 20, 2018. Almost 100 participants took part in the commemorative programme. Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Regional Director IGNOU RC-2, Dr. K D Prasad, Shri S A Jamal, Administrative Officer, GSDS, Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer, GSDS and Smt. Geeta Shukla, Research Officer, GSDS were present on the occasion.

While offering his tributes, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan spoke about the qualities of Late Shri Atal Behari Vajpayee – who breathed his last on August 16, after a prolonged illness at the age of 93 – and said that Vajpayee ji has left behind a rich legacy of truthfulness and dedication and service to the nation. "The challenge is to carry forward this legacy with sincerity", he said.



(Above): Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan (R) along with Regional Director RC-2 IGNOU, Dr. K D Prasad join in the commemorative programme in remembrance of former Prime Minister of India, Shri Atal Behari Vajpayee.

Dr. K D Prasad remembered meeting the former Prime Minister at a function in Patna and how his five-minute interaction with Shri Atal Behari Vajpayee changed him as a person. Recalling that the personality that the former Prime Minister had with an affectionate and childlike smile, Dr. K D Prasad appealed others to be humble and rooted throughout their life.

Shri S A Jamal spoke of his meeting with the former Prime Minister who was also a Chairman of GSDS during a Governing Body meeting of the Samiti.

Smt. Geeta Shukla while recalling that the B N Pandey Hall where the commemorative programme was being held (today) was inaugurated

by the former Prime Minister Shri Atal Behari Vajpayee and that even the GSDS International Hostel was also inaugurated by Vajpayee ji.

Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu while referring to an article by Prof. T K Thomas, Chairman Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore Foundation, referred that the world today is missing the 'Vajpayee touch' which meant that he rose above politics and made friends in a career spanning over seven decades.

Participants that included staff members of GSDS and IGNOU remembered the great statesman and gentleman politician on the occasion.

Swachhta Pakhwada

Regular cleanliness drive was taken up in both the campuses of the Samiti in Gandhi Smriti and Gandhi Darshan from September 15 to October 2, 2018.

As part of the Pakhwada, the Samiti initiated composting of garden leaves, grass & leaves in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat. Composting leaves is a terrific way to recycle and create a nutrient rich garden soil amendment at the same time. The benefits of leaf compost are numerous. The compost increases the porosity of the soil, raises the fertility, diminishes the strain on landfills and creates a living "blanket" over your plants. Learning how to compost leaves just requires a little knowledge of the balance of nitrogen and carbon. The correct balance will ensure fast composting of leaves for spring time black gold.



Training in leaf compost in progress as part of the sanitation drive.

The Benefits of Leaf Compost – Composting leaves makes a dark, rich, earthy organic matter that can be used like soil. It adds nutrients to garden soil and the larger particle size helps enhance the tilt and loosen compacted earth. Compost retains moisture and repels weeds when used as a top dressing or mulch.

Swachhata hi Sewa Campaign

'Swachhata Hi Seva 2018' a *jan andolan* for Swachhata was observed in the run-up to the 4th anniversary of the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), i.e. from September 15th to October 2nd 2018, as the sanitation movement entered its final leg. Launching the "Swachhata Hi Seva" campaign, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Saturday all sections of society and every part of the country have joined the cleanliness drive as he noted few would have thought that 9 crore toilets would be built and 4.5 lakh villages declared open defecation free in four years.



GSDS staff are seen in a cleansing drive of pavilion No 1, "My Life is My Message" in Gandhi Darshan.



The "cleanliness is service" campaign will continue till Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary on October 2, with Mr. Modi asking people to rededicate themselves to fulfilling the father of the nation's dream of a clean India during an interactive programme.

The Samiti as part of this initiative took up cleanliness drive in both its campuses in Gandhi Smriti and Darshan respectively. GSDS staff and officials participated in the cleanliness drive with full enthusiasm. In Gandhi Smriti Museum, Dr. Sailaja Gullapalli led the volunteers and other staff in the cleanliness drive.

Different units in Gandhi Darshan witnessed the cleanliness drive initiated by the respective unit heads. During this period, a door-to-door visit was also conducted in the Gandhi Darshan quarters by the staff explaining them about the necessity of cleanliness and steps to make the children learn

the importance of being healthy and disease free. Shri Mohit Mohan, Shri Piyush along with other staff, briefed the residents at the quarters.



A door-to-door campaign was also undertaken to generate awareness of the Government of India's sanitation campaign.

Dr. Mahesh Sharma inaugurates Satyagraha Mandap in Gandhi Darshan

Hon'ble Minister of Culture and Vice-Chairman GSDS, Dr. Mahesh Sharma inaugurated the newly renovated and upgraded Satyagraha Mandap in Gandhi Darshan on October 3, 2018 at a special programme. The occasion also saw the felicitations of officials of the CPWD who had undertaken the work in a record span of time that included Director General, Executive Engineer, Junior Engineer and Assistant Engineer. Officials from the CPWD Civil, Horticulture and Electrical were also felicitated on the occasion. Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Chairperson CCRT, Dr. Hemlata S. Mohan, Director In-charge Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT) Dr. Chetan Singh, Deputy Director, Shri Rishi Vashist officials from the GSDS.



Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Hon'ble Minister of Culture and Vice-Chairperson GSDS inaugurates the renovated Satyagraha Mandap in Gandhi Darshan. Also seen are Smt. Hemlata S. Mohan, Chairperson of CCRT and other dignitaries along with Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan (R).

Vigilance Awareness Week observed

Shri Laxmi Dass, Executive Member GSDS and Vice-President Harijan Sevak Sangh administered the Integrity Pledge to the GSDS staff along with Shri Basant ji, Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan and others, as part of the *Vigilance Awareness Week* (VAW) in Gandhi Darshan on October 31, 2018. The *Vigilance Awareness Week* is being observed from October 31 to November 5, 2018. The VAW is celebrated every year on October 31, 2018 and coincides with the birthday of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The message read:



(Above): Executive Member of GSDS, Shri Laxmi Dass administering the pledge to the GSDS staff (below). Joining Shri Laxmi Dass on the dais are (from L to R): Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Director GSDS, Shri Basant, former advisor GSDS, Shri S A Jamal, Administrative Officer, GSDS.

I believe that corruption has been one of the major obstacles to economic, political and social progress of our country. I believe that all stakeholders such as Government, citizens and private sector need to work together to eradicate corruption.

I realise that every citizen should be vigilant and commit to highest standards of honesty and integrity at all times and support the fight against corruption.

I, therefore, pledge:

- To follow probity and rule of law in all walks of life;
- To neither take, nor offer bribe;
- To perform all tasks in an honest and transparent manner;
- To act in public interest;
- To lead by example exhibiting integrity in personal behaviour;
- To report any incident of corruption to the appropriate agency.

Painting workshop organized

GSDS in association with People for Nation – Udaan organized a two-day painting workshop as a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi and the different Gandhian Constructive Work on September 29-30, 2018 at Gandhi Darshan. Professional artists as well as artists from College of Art also took part in the workshop. An exhibition was also organized in Gandhi Darshan that was inaugurated by Baba Yogendra ji and joined by Shri Adwaita Gadanayak, Director General of National Gallery of Modern Art along with a host of other delegates.



GSDS staff take pledge as part of National Unity Day

Shri Laxmi Dass, Vice-President Harijan Sevak Sangh and Executive Member GSDS administered the Pledge to the GSDS staff on the occasion of the National Unity Day. The day marked the 143rd birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Shri Basant ji, Administrative Officer GSDS, Shri S A Jamal along with others pledged to *dedicate themselves to preserve the unity, integrity and security of the nation and also strive hard to spread this message among their fellow countrymen*. The pledge further read: *I take this pledge in the spirit of unification of my country which was made possible by the vision and actions of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. I also solemnly resolve to make my own contribution to ensure internal security of my country.*



GSDS staff take pledge in Gandhi Darshan on the occasion of the National Unity Day.



4th International Congress on Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine organised

The Samiti in association with Healthy Aging India organised the 4th International Congress on Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine as part of the Asia Pacific Geriatric Medicine Network Conference on November 15-17, 2018 at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi.



Dr Jitendra Singh, Hon'ble Minister of State for the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region inaugurated the conference.

The conference has been attended by 30 foreign faculties from multiple countries like Singapore Australia, China etc. along with 50 Indian faculties across the country and around 300 delegates participated to share their knowledge and ideas regarding geriatric health care. The theme of the Congress was "The future of geriatric medicine – Are you ready?" The Special focus of the congress were fruitful preventive healthcare in Geriatric medicine and Gerontology, Long-term care in the era of disintegration of joint family culture and artificial intelligence which is gradually but steadily taking over human expertise in most of the field including Healthcare.

Dr. Prasun Chatterjee, Head Department of Geriatrics AIIMS chaired the proceedings of the conference. He also mentioned that there was an elaborate discussion about preparation for long term care of future India and how artificial intelligence will take lead role in Geriatric healthcare management.

The congress was inaugurated by Dr Jitendra Singh, Minister of State for the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, Prime Minister Office, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Department of Atomic Energy and Department of Space on November 15, 2018. He mentioned in his inaugural speech the need of the preparation for Geriatric population of this country who are increasing with rapid pace .He also mentioned that how present government is working for the overall health care of population including elderly in the form of Ayushman Bharat and National programme for the Healthcare of elderly (NPHCE).

Delegates from abroad who are preparing for active ageing in their country for last three to four decades shared their ideas of preparation for active ageing through participation in the scientific sessions. In the Discussion from multiple stakeholders it was stressed the need of qualified Geriatrician in most of the medical colleges along with facilities of elderly Health Care in most of the primary care setup.

This conference also covered the concept of the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi of nonviolence and role of physical and mental activity in active ageing. Gandhiji used to stress a lot on mental health along with physical activity for graceful, healthy and dignified aging. Also, on the second day of the conference on November 16, GSDS Director Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan delivered a talk on Gandhian philosophy and active ageing which international faculties accepted wholeheartedly.

Couture Runway Week organised

The Samiti in association with "Abhimanch" organised the *Couture Runway Week* at ITC Weclome Hotel, Dwarka from December 1-2, 2018 with an aim to provide recognition to budding talents and promotions of Khadi at global arena.

The main attraction of the show was Arti Tiwari, Tanay Pareek and Amin Farishta who presented Khadi collections. Designers from all over the country who took part, created a cultural and ethnic aura by presenting their collections. The show was opened by the collection of famous designer Amit Talwar for whom supermodel Amanpreet Wahi walked the ramp.

The grand finale was glamourised by the ethnic Rajasthani Gota Patti collection by Designer Tanay Pareek for whom celebrity Rahul Dev and super model Laxmi Rana and Sonalika Sahay walked as show stoppers.

The creative thoughts of Abhishekh Vashistha highlighted the "Life of water animals and pollution by his concept of fashion fishes..



Models displaying Khadi garments in an endeavour to popularise the wear of Khadi during the Couture Runway Week.

Shri Nityanand Tiwari, Secretary Abhimanch said that "Khadi is not only a garment but a lifestyle and should be an integral part of every individual life". Students from Pearl Academy of Fashion as knowledge partners; IIFT as Institutional partners; FDDI as backstage partners, Lakme Academy as Makeup Partners and Tatyam School of Design took part. Many dignitaries from the fashion world, the world of jewellerys and artefacts also attended the programme.

Budding designers such as Neha Chaudhari, Aayushi, Nisha, Jyoti Vaishnao and others added flavour to the event.

GSDS receives Mahatma Gandhi's Autobiography in Japanese

Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan received a set of Mahatma Gandhi's Autobiography from Mr. Nouki Kumagai, Minister Political, Embassy of Japan at a special function in Gandhi Smriti on December 6, 2018. Present on the occasion were Prof. Matt Meyer, Dr. Vidya Jain, Shri Rajiv Bohra, Shri Satya Paul, Dr. Sanjeev Kumar and officials from the GSDS. Mr. Kumagai assumed the current position of Political Minister at the Embassy in August 2018.



Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan receiving a set of Mahatma Gandhi's Autobiography from Mr. Nouki Kumagai, Minister Political, Embassy of Japan.

Tribute to Late Aparna Basu

Rich tributes were paid to the chairperson of National Gandhi Museum, Smt. Aparna Basu who passed away on December 3, 2018 in Delhi by Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan who led the entire staff. Close associates of Late Aparna Basu recalled her humane nature and lively spirit during the condolence meeting. Almost 100 people joined the commemorative programme.



Director GSDS, Sh. Dipanker Shri Gyan, Sh. S A Jamal and Dr. Ramesh Bharadwaj and GSDS staff pays homage to Late Smt. Aparna Basu.



Financial Education and Awareness Programme

GSDS organised an awareness programme on "Financial Awareness" in Gandhi Darshan on December 14, 2018. About 60 participants took part in the programme. The training was conducted by Dr. Pramod Kr. Verma at SEBI.



Dr. Pramod Kr. Verma from SEBI discussing with the staff of GSDS different aspects of financial education and awareness schemes during the interaction in Gandhi Darshan.



He discussed on *Systematic Investment Plan (SIP)* that allows you to save a certain amount of money on a regular basis. He said, "With SIP you can invest a fixed amount in mutual funds, on frequencies like weekly, monthly or quarterly thus encouraging regular savings and also earn benefits of power of compounding. It is best way to stay invested for a longer period of time to create wealth".

He also discussed about benefits of mutual funds and deliberated in details between savings versus investments and other investment alternatives. He said: "Do not save what is left after 'SPENDING'; but effective way is to spend only that amount what is left after 'SAVINGS'".

He stressed on careful selection of right investment, with what he called, "Smart Goal"; indentifying the schemes, deciding on SIP amount. Though he mentioned that selection of investment at times depend on personal circumstances and general market conditions. "Choose early" was what he suggested at the conclusion of the orientation programme.

Pension Adalat organised

Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan conducted the proceedings of the *Pension Adalat* with the GSDS pensioners on December 15, 2018 in Gandhi Darshan. Almost 50 pensioners took part in the discussion and various pending and current issues related to their pensions. They felt that their grievances need to be redressed at the earliest. Administrative Officer GSDS Shri S A Jamal was also present at the meeting.



Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan (above) along with Administrative Officer, Shri S A Jamal interacts with the pensioners of GSDS (below) in Gandhi Darshan.

The *Pension Adalat*, being organised by the Department of Pension & Pensioners Welfare (DoP&PW), is expected to be one of the largest exercises for Pensioners' Welfare ever undertaken by the Government as part of Good Governance dedicated to Central Government Pensioners.

It is a unique effort wherein on a single day all the Central Government Ministries conducted their respective *Pension Adalats* in which on-the-spot resolution was provided across the table to the grievance holder.

113th Birth Anniversary of Dr. B N Pande celebrated

Gandhi Smriti & Darshan Samiti and the Society for Communal Harmony jointly celebrated the 113th Birth Anniversary of Dr. Bishambhar Nath Pande, on December 23, 2018 at BN Pande Hall, Gandhi Darshan. Dr. B N Pande was a torch-bearer of communal harmony, an eminent freedom fighter, historian, Governor of Orissa, Vice-Chairman, GSDS, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha). Along with Maulana Ali Miyan, Rector, Nadwatul Ulema, Lucknow, he founded the Society for Communal Harmony in March 1990. The programme was chaired by Prof. Anand Kumar.



Former Director of National Gandhi Museum, Dr. Y P Anand remembers Late Dr. B N Pande at a function in Gandhi Darshan.



Ms. Nandita Rao, daughter of Late Dr. B N Pande recollects her association with her father and the freedom movement.

The speakers included Smt. Nandita Pande Rao (daughter of Dr. Pande), Sri Shantanu Mukherji, IPS (who retired from a senior position in the Intelligence Bureau and was a neighbour of Pandeji at Allahabad in his younger days), Dr. YP Anand (retired Chairman, Railway Board, and former Director, National Gandhi Museum), Sri CB Tripathi, Vice-President, SCH (who had known Pandeji since 1946 at Allahabad), Sri Abdul Mannan, Acting General Secretary, SCH, and three members of the Governing Body of the SCH, viz., Smt. Manjoo Mohan, Sri ND Pancholi and Sri Rajesh Azad.

Shri Shantanu Mukherjee shared the personal acquaintances with late Dr. B N Pande and said that during times of celebrations in one's victory, Dr. Pande taught not to criticise others.

Dr. Y P Anand reflected on Dr. Pande's diversified thoughts and quoted passages from an

article "People's Election Manifesto – A Gandhian Need for Constructive Programme" which he said could be a blueprint even today in the present scenario.

Mrs. Nadita Rao, daughter of Dr. B N Pande while sharing her thoughts about her father, who taught her to be fearless. She referred to the family history when her grandfather along with the 35 member of her brothers and sisters were burnt alive by the British on their way to Allahabad. She further mentioned the time and people who shaped her father, Dr. Pande's life. She reflected on how a fiery person like her father was transformed by Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore in Shantiniketan who asked Dr. B N Pande to join the non-violent movements of Mahatma Gandhi.

Shri C B Tripathi referred to Dr. B N Pande as a fiery man whose voice could be heard from one corner to the other. A man of versatile information, Shri C B Tripathi said that Shri B N Pande's contribution to the scheduled areas, especially for the advisais was immense. He was a historian, with an all India vision and his documented works are all research based.



On the dais (from L to R): Shri Shantanu Mukherjee, Mrs. Nandita Rao, Prof. Anand Kumar, Shri C B Tripathi and Dr. Y P Anand at the commemorative programme.

The others who spoke on the occasion included Sh. Abdul Manna, Dr. Pande's close associate who spend the last 7-8 months with Dr. B N Pande; Shri Rajesh Mehta, Shri A D Pancholi, Advocate Supreme Court of India, Smt. Manju Mohan, social activist.

The concluding remarks were made by Prof. Anand Kumar who called Dr. B N Pande a Karmayogi and said that the following lessons of *nation-building; being fierceful; giving opportunity to the youth; statesman; his concern for humanity.*

Prof. Anand concluded by stating that the challenge remains in terms of growing regionalism, the conflict of language, the divide between rich vs poor, men vs women and decolonisation of our thought. "We have to bridge these gaps", he concluded.

Earlier Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer GSDS welcomed the gathering. Ms. Shruti Pandey enchanted the audience with her singing of the National Anthem and Ramdhun.

Teachers Meeting for January 30 Martyrdom Day programme organised

GSDS organised a meeting with representatives of various institutions and schools in Delhi, Ghaziabad, NOIDA, Gurgaon in Gandhi Darshan on December 26, 2018 in connection with the 71st Martyrdom of Mahatma Gandhi to be organised in Gandhi Smriti on January 30, 2019. The participation of children for the musical tribute to Mahatma Gandhi was discussed and dates were finalised.



Shri Rajdeep Pathak, Programme Executive GSDS speaks to the representatives of schools during a meeting for January 30th 2019 programme.



The schools that are taking part in the meeting included: Presidium School, Gurgaon; Swastik Public School, Village Ibrahimpur; Sri Venkateshwar International School, Dwarka; Delhi Public School, Panipat City; Arwachin Bharti Bhawan, Vivek Vihar; Sun Valley International School, Vasundhara; Indirapuram Public School, Indirapuram; Sulabh Public School, Dwarka; Somerville School, Vasundhara Enclave; St. Anthony's Girls Sr. Sec School, Paharghanj; Summer Fields School, Gurgaon; Dev Samaj Modern School No 2, Okhla; Gaurs International

School, Gaur City; Vidya Vihar Vidyalaya, Shahdara; St. Thomas School Indirapuram; Bapa Ashram Residential Primary School, Harijan Sevak Sangh, Kingsway Camp; Kasturba Balika Vidyalaya, Ishwar Nagar; Dr. Zakir Hussain Memorial Sr. Sec. School, Jafraabad; Rashtriya Virjanand Andh Kanya Vidyalaya, Vikaspuri; Shaheed Hemu Kalani Sarvodaya Bal Vidyalaya, Lajpat Nagar.

Annual Review Meeting organised

Director GSDS Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan took an Annual Review Meeting in Gandhi Darshan on December 31, 2018 for the entire staff. Different units made their presentations at the review meeting which discussed the future programmes the Samiti could organise as part of the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The day-long meeting addressed various issues of different units and provided a solution to the problems.



Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan (above) along with Administrative Officer, Shri S A Jamal interacts with the staff of GSDS during a review meeting of GSDS on December 31st.

Tribute to Justice Chandrashekhar Dharmadhikari

Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan led the entire GSDS staff in paying rich tributes to Padma Bhushan Justice Chandrashekhar Dharmadhikari on January 3, 2019 at a condolence meeting organised in Gandhi Darshan as a mark of respect to the former Chief Justice of Bombay High

Court after his demise on January 3, 2019. He was 91. A Gandhian from the core of his heart, Justice Dharmadhikari was a member of the Gandhi 150 committee formed by the Government of India to celebrate the 150 both anniversary celebrations of Mahatma Gandhi.



(Above): Shri Basant, former Advisor to GSDS addresses the GSDS staff at the condolence meeting to pay tribute to late Justice Chandrashekhar Dharmadhikari. Director GSDS Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Administrative Officer GSDS, Shri S A Jamal also paid their tributes.

(Below): GSDS staff stand in silence as a mark of respect to late Justice Chandrashekhar Dharmadhikari.

Calling him an eminent Gandhian, freedom-fighter, legal luminary and social activist, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan said that Justice Dharmadhikari delivered a landmark verdict during the Emergency on human rights. In his landmark ruling during the Emergency, Justice Dharmadhikari had held that apart from constitutional rights, the Right to Life is natural and a human right, and therefore, even during the Emergency, a citizen could approach the high court.

Shri Basant ji, former Advisor to GSDS said that his association with GSDS was very fulfilling and this is a great loss at a time when the celebration for Gandhi 150 is gearing momentum.

Hailing from a family of staunch Gandhians who are largely into the legal profession, Justice Dharmadhikari also served as Chairman of Educational Regulatory Authority, on the Maharashtra State Women's Commission and

National Commission for Women, besides penning books in Hindi, Marathi and Gujarati.

A two-minute silence was observed as a mark of respect to the departed soul.

Tribute to Pulwama Martyrs

On February 14, 2019, a convoy of vehicles carrying security personnel on the Jammu Srinagar National Highway was attacked by a vehicle-borne suicide bomber at Lethpora in the Pulwama district, Jammu and Kashmir, India. The attack resulted in the deaths of 40 Central Reserve Police Force personnel. Many more injured soldiers succumbed to their injuries taking the death toll to almost 50.



Members of the GSDS family and staff join together in remembrance of the martyrs of the Pulwama terrorist attack in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.

GSDS staff joined in a prayer meet to pay tributes to the soldiers who lost their lives in the attack on the evening of February 16, 2019. A two-minute silence was also observed on the occasion as a mark of respect to the martyrs.

Tribute to Dr. T Karunakaran

The Samiti paid rich tributes to Dr. T Karunakaran an eminent Gandhian and a member of the Gandhi 150 Committee set up by the Government of India on March 25, 2019 in Gandhi Darshan. Born on December 26, 1946, Dr. T Karunakaran an Electrical Engineer from Madras University earned his PhD in Mathematical System Theory from IIT, Delhi. For 19 years, he worked in four IITs in different research and academic positions. IIT Professor turned social reformer Dr. Karunakaran, became the first Director of Rural Technology Centre, Gandhigram Rural University, Tamil Nadu. Dr T. Karunakaran served as VC of Gandhigram Rural University and VC of Mahatma Gandhi Chitrakoot Rural Development University.



(Above): Shri Satya Pal, eminent Gandhian remembers late Dr. T. Karunakaran at a condolence meeting held in Gandhi Darshan after Dr. T. Karunakaran ji's demise .

Dr T. Karunakaran's, innovations include the concept of Rural Economic Zone, Technocracy Module to empower SHG groups of women and the *Agrindus Model of Sustainable Agriculture* and value addition of agriculture products.

Smt. Geeta Shukla, Research Officer GSDS along with senior Gandhian Shri Satyapaul and the GSDS staff offered their tributes to Dr. T Karunakaran.

Dharam Gurus from different religious faiths also joined the occasion. Led by Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, a one-minute silence was also observed on the occasion.

"Prarthana" –A Musical Dastan about Death Through the Life and Thought of Mahatma Gandhi

Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti in association with Ankit Chadha Foundation presented "Prarthana" –A Musical Dastan about Death Through the Life and Thought of Mahatma Gandhi in Satyagraha Mandap, Gandhi Darshan on March 29, 2019.



Ms. Sanchita, a close colleague of Late Ankit Chadha remembers her association with Dastangoi Ankit during the programme.



Eminent Carnatic singer Shri Vedanth Bharadwaj leads the musical Dastaan on Mahatma Gandhi's life's story in Gandhi Darshan through a recorded narrative of Late Ankit Chadha.

Based on Late Ankit Chadha's years of continuing research on the Collected Works of Mahatma Gandhi, 'Prarthana' is a musical dastan that tries to unravel the mystery of death, as seen by Gandhi. The narrative seamlessly connects the

history in oral storytelling to the philosophy in the devotional songs sung during the prayers at Gandhi's ashrams. The stories range from Gandhi's experiences of the death of his dear ones, to the tales of personalities whose death influenced Gandhi.

The programme was dedicated to the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, because it was Late Ankit Chadha's dream to perform 'Prarthana' at every place significant to Gandhiji's life. While the narrative portion was recording of Ankit's last live performance, the musical part was led by eminent Carnatic singer by Shri Vedanth Bharadwaj.

THE SYNOPSIS:

May 31, 1947 — Mahatma Gandhi is leading the prayer meeting at the Birla House, which was a daily affair. After the chanting of the slokas, the verses from the Holy Quran were being read. Soon, riots, hatred and death would engulf the Capital. It is here that Dastangoi performer Ankit Chadha's voice starts the dastan in the background — a dramatic form of storytelling —and takes the narrative back in time, to the early 1880s, when the teenage Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi is contemplating suicide. It eventually moves forward and traces the leader's life and unravels the mystery of death, as seen by Mahatma Gandhi.

Prarthana brought to life the way Mahatma Gandhi reflected on death, for he saw the deaths of his dear ones — his father, his wife and his secretary Mahadev Desai, which devastated him. He also read about the deaths of the people he idolised such as Jesus Christ and Socrates.



(Above): A packed gathering in Gandhi Darshan witnessed the Dastaan Goi style of narrative and music into the journey of Mahatma Gandhi's life and major events.



(Below): Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer, GSDS felicitates late Ankit Chadha's mother, Smt. Prabha Lata Chadha with a charkha as a token from GSDS.

Ankit's research included reading 100 volumes of the collected works of Mahatma Gandhi, the accounts of his personal physician, Dr. Sushila Nayyar and essays by Shri Tridip Suhrud and Shri Ramachandra Gandhi, among others. Ankit and Vedant have taken these threads and woven a narrative of Gandhi's evolution — as an observer of death.

The dastan is interspersed with 12 songs, chosen from the Ashram Bhajnavali, a collection of 200 devotional songs sung at the prayer meetings led by Mahatma Gandhi.

During the *dastan*, when Gandhiji sees Mahadev Desai's dead body, he orders Sushila Nayyar, to empty his pockets, and then sing Vaishnav jana. Here Vedanth Bharadwaj after the narration soulfully renders a bhajan in Gujarati – *Tyaga na take vairagya bina* – which means that there cannot be relinquishing of something, unless you've let go of the desire for it. The narrative goes to further describing Gandhiji's thoughts as he thinks a lot about this song and remembers his father's death; for he was with his wife in their bed – there is a desire playing with him, and he doesn't do his duty as a son and repents.

Shri Vedant Bharadwaj's soulful music left the audience in both tears of joy and ecstasy and also sorrow.

The programme began with welcome by Rajdeep Pathak, Programme Executive. This was followed by a reflection on Ankit's work by Ms. Phalguni Desai, a dastango herself. Later Ms. Sanchita proposed the vote of thanks. Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer GSDS felicitated Shri Vedanth Bharadwaj and Late Ankit Chadha's mother Smt. Prabha Lata Chadha with charkha and angavastram.

Exhibitions

• AGRA, UTTAR PRADESH

Agra Pex 2019 – Exhibition and Gandhi Katha organised

Department of Post and Telegraph, Ministry of Communications organised AGRA PEX – 2019, A Philatelic Exhibition from January 28-30, 2019 in Agra in association with the Samiti. During the three-day programme, seminars, audio visual presentations were organised to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.



Exhibition on the life's message of Mahatma Gandhi in display at Agra Apex 2019.

The Samiti had set up an exhibition on the life's message of Mahatma Gandhi consisting of 16 panels. A Gandhi Katha was also organised on the occasion which was narrated by Dr. Shobhana Radhakrishna, Chief Functionary, [Gandhian Forum for Ethical Corporate Governance, Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE)] on January 28, 2019. Almost 300 participants took part in the programme.

• JAIPUR, RAJASTHAN

Rajasthan Chief Minister inaugurates Exhibition on Mohan Se Mahatma

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Shri Ashok Gehlot inaugurated a special exhibition entitled *Mohan Se Mahatma* in Rajasthan on February 7, 2019 while celebrating the 91st birth anniversary of noted Gandhian thinker and activist, Padmashri Subba Rao. The nonagenarian Gandhian was present on the occasion. The exhibition consisting of 26 panels from Gandhi Smriti and

Darshan Samiti was made by Smt. Geeta Shukla, Research Officer, who was also present on the occasion. Shri Dharamraj and Shri Piyush from GSDS also took part in the programme.



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Shri Ashok Gehlot inaugurating the exhibition developed by GSDS on "Mohan se Mahatma" in Rajasthan by offering his tributes to Mahatma Gandhi.



Smt. Geeta Shukla, Research Officer GSDS is seen felicitating the hon'ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Shri Ashok Gehlot with a photograph of Mahatma Gandhi and his wife Kasturba Gandhi. Also seen holding the photograph is eminent Gandhian Padmashri Dr. S N Subba Rao, Director National Youth Project.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Ashok Gehlot said that a museum on Mahatma Gandhi would be set up to promote the principals and teachings of the Father of the Nation, conducting research on him and for other similar activities.

Other Exhibitions

Photographs on Gandhi	November 2018	Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Coimbatore KERALA
Mohan se Mahatma- Exhibition (Bilingual)	January 10 to March 5, 2019	Sanskriti Gram, Kumbh Mela, Prayagraj UTTAR PRADESH
Journey of Khadi Exhibition (Bilingual)	January 21-23, 2019	Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas Varanasi UTTAR PRADESH
Yog and Ayurveda Exhibition (Bilingual)	January 21-23, 2019	Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas Varanasi UTTAR PRADESH

Exhibition in Sanskriti Gram, Kumbh by GSDS



Hon'ble Governor of Uttar Pradesh, H.H. Shri Ram Naik inaugurated the exhibition of GSDS at the Sanskriti Gram in Prayagraj at Kumbh. Dr. Mahesh Sharma, hon'ble Minister of Culture and VC GSDS was also present on the occasion. Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Director GSDS and Administrative Officer GSDS, Shri S .A. Jamal received the distinguished guests on the occasion.



(In the pix): Different aspects of the exhibition at the Sanskriti Gram set up by GDS in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh during the Kumbh. Regular visits by school children were organised. Pilgrims from all over the world visited the exhibition. A book sale counter was also set up by GSDS.

Exhibition on "Journey of Khadi" and "Yog and Ayurveda" at Pravasi Bharatiya Divas, Varanasi



A glimpse of the exhibition on 'Journey of Khadi' in display at Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2019.

Library & Documentation and Publication

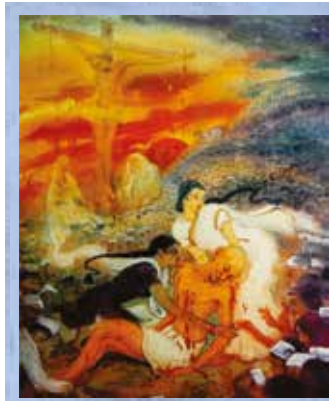
In conformity with the objective of the Samiti to organise and preserve books, photographs, films, documents, leading to better understanding of Mahatma Gandhi's work and thought, a Library and Documentation Centre functions. The library has a collection of approximately 10,600 books on Gandhiji's life and thought, art, culture, history, economics, politics, religion, archaeology, including reference books, namely World Atlas, Encyclopedias and Dictionaries. There is a special section for children. It also subscribes to various journals and magazines on a regular basis and caters to the needs of scholars, research fellows and students. New books were added during the year.

At the Documentation Centre – an inherent part of the Library – press-clipping files are being maintained on different topics such as Gandhi, Women, Children, Youth, Crime against Women, Environment, Indo-Pak relations, Communalism, International affairs. This is done in an effort to strengthen the Documentation Centre. Other topics are regularly added. The process of digitalization of the library is almost over with new publications being procured from time to time.



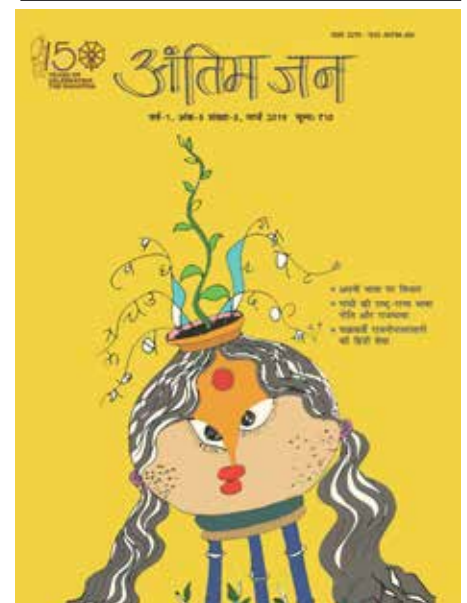
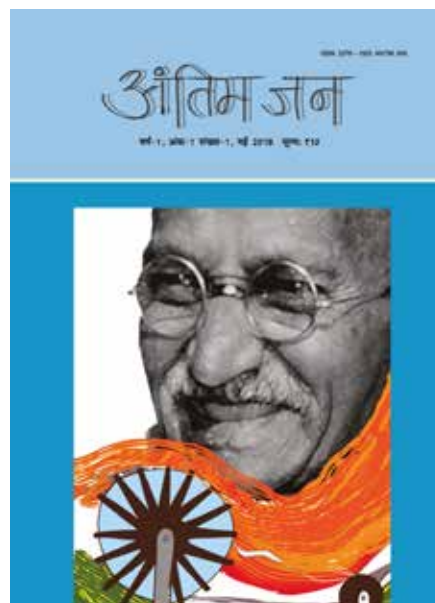
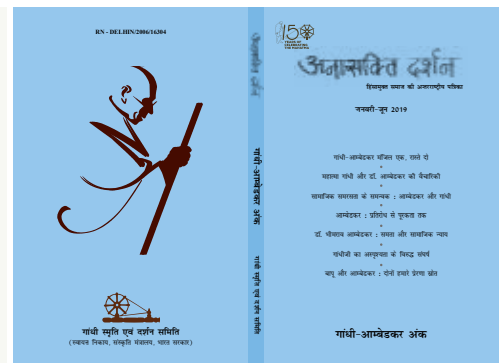
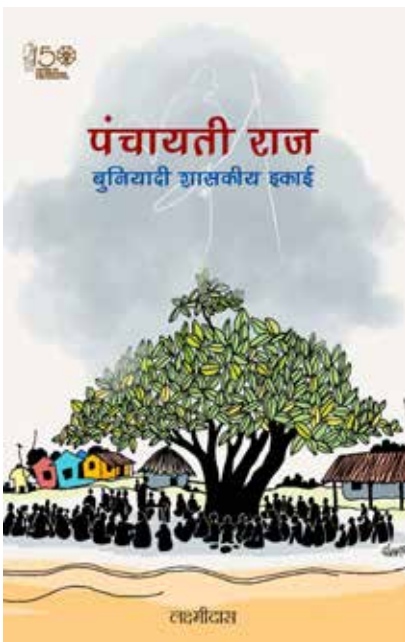
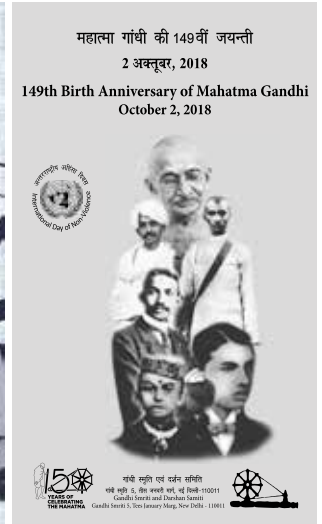
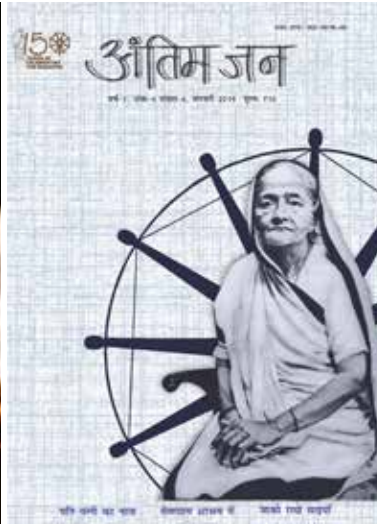
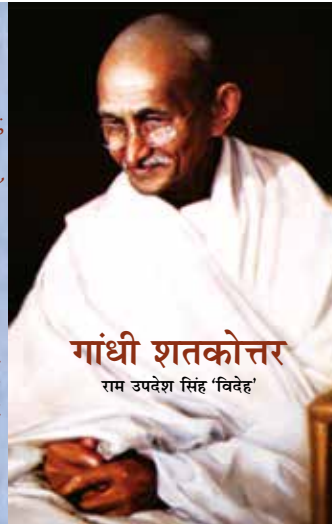
(Above): A view of the Gandhi Darshan Library;

(Below): A view of the Gandhi Smriti Book Sale Counter and reading room in Gandhi Smriti.



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Visitors

Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi and President of South Korea, H.E. Mr. Moon Jae In visits Gandhi Smriti

The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi showed his hospitality to the South Korean President, H. E. Mr. Moon Jae In who was on a state visit to India by taking him to Gandhi Smriti, the site of the Martyrdom of Mahatma Gandhi on July 9, 2018, where they offered floral tributes to the Mahatma.



(Above): Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi gives a warm embrace as a welcome gesture to the Hon'ble South Korean President H.E. Mr. Moon Jae In in Gandhi Smriti.

(Below): Hon'ble South Korean President H.E. Mr. Moon Jae In along with Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi at the World Peace Gong in Gandhi Smriti.

Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Minister of State for Culture and the Samiti's Vice-Chairman welcomed Shri Narendra Modi ji and Mr. Moon Jae In. A charkha and books from the GSDS was also presented to them by Dr. Mahesh Sharma.



(Above): Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi and Hon'ble South Korean President H.E. Mr. Moon Jae In receive a Charkha and token of gifts from the Hon'ble Minister of Culture and V.C. GSDS, Dr. Mahesh Sharma in Gandhi Smriti during their visit.

(Below): H.E. Mr. Moon Jae In along with Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi offer tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at the Martyrs Column.

During the visit, Shri Narendra Modi gave a personal guided tour to Mr. Moon Jae In by explaining him the history of the Gandhi Smriti Museum, the erstwhile Birla House where Mahatma Gandhi lived for the last 144 days of his life and where he was assassinated on January 30, 2018.



(Above): Vocalist, Smt. Vidya Shah renders Mahatma Gandhi's favourite hymn 'Vaishnava Jana To' on the occasion, as (Below): H.E. Mr. Moon Jae In, the South Korean President along with Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi greet the artists, as the music reverberates in the Prayer Ground of Gandhi Smriti.

The President of South Korea and the Indian Prime Minister also beat the World Peace Gong whose peaceful sound reverberated in the Gandhi Smriti campus sounding a call of peace and harmony for the whole world.

The two leaders also signed the visitor's book in the Gandhi Smriti gallery leaving their impression of world peace for humanity.

The tour in the Gandhi Smriti Museum photographic gallery included various sections such as how world leaders paid their tribute to Mahatma Gandhi; Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru's address to the Nation after Gandhi's death; the walk through the

gallery showcasing the photographs of the final journey of Mahatma Gandhi before proceeding to Bapuji's room, where the two leaders stood silently for a moment.

Secretary Ministry of Culture, Shri Raghvendra Singh explained the significance of the Gandhi Smriti Museum and the photographs exhibitions.

The two leaders then took a walk following the footsteps of Mahatma Gandhi to the Prayer ground where the Mahatma was assassinated. Here they offered their tributes at the Martyrs Column.

Eminent exponent of classical music, Dr. Vidya Shah made the evening more somber through her renditions of favourite bhajans/hymns from saints such as Kabir, Nanak, Tulsidas and with Gandhiji's favourite Ram Dhun.

The visiting dignitaries also joined the evening prayer at the lawns where Gandhiji regularly conducted inter-faith prayers.

H.E. Mr. Tudor Ulianovschi pays tributes to Mahatma Gandhi

H.E. Mr. Tudor Ulianovschi, Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova accompanied by his wife visited Gandhi Smriti on August 11, 2018. The Ambassador of the Republic of Moldova to India, H.E. Mr. Gheorghe Leuca accompanied the visiting delegate and took a tour of the Gandhi Smriti Museum.



H.E. Mr. Tudor Ulianovschi, Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova (second from R) along with his wife and the Ambassador of Moldova to India H.E. Mr. Gheorghe Leuca (L) keenly listens to Rajdeep Pathak, Programme Executive GSDS about the significance of Gandhi Smriti and the Martyrs Column during their visit.

During the one-and-a-half hour tour by Shri Rajdeep Pathak, Programme Executive and Ms. Sushmita Bharali, Manager Eternal Gandhi Multi Media Museum, the delegation, besides visiting the multimedia exhibition, also visited Gandhiji's Room and further to the Martyr's Column where they offered their tributes to the Mahatma Gandhi. The delegation also struck the World Peace Gong.



H.E. Mr. Tudor Ulianovschi, Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova (L) is seen interacting with Ms. Sushmita Bharali, Manager Eternal Gandhi Multi Media Museum and Mr. Rajdeep Pathak, Programme Executive GSDS.

Leaving his impression on the visitor's book, Mr. Tudor wrote: "Thank you for the honor and opportunity to become a better person, man and a humble leader. Proud to be a follower of the great M. Gandhi"!



French Navy Chief Admiral Christopher Prazuck on January 8, 2019



Hon'ble Mr. Takashi Yamashita, Minister of Justice, Japan, visited Gandhi Smriti on January 11, 2019



Mr. Chuichi Date, President, House of Councillors, Japan, visited Gandhi Smriti on January 11, 2019



General Angus John Campbell, Chief of Defence Forces, Australia, visited Gandhi Smriti on January 11, 2019

Governor of South Australia pays homage to Mahatma Gandhi in Gandhi Darshan

H.E. Mr. Hieu Van Le, Governor of South Australia visited Gandhi Darshan during September 2018. Dr. Sailaja Gullapalli gave a guided tour of the "My Life is My Message" to the hon'ble Governor. Shri S A Jamal, Administrative Officer, GSDS was also present on the occasion.



H.E. Mr. Hieu Van Le, Governor of South Australia visited Gandhi Darshan. A guided tour was undertaken by Dr. Sailaja Gullapalli, Research Associate GSDS. (Below): Dr. Sailaja is briefing about the significance of the boat to the hon'ble Governor.



Monaco's H.E. Prince Albert II visited Gandhi Smriti on February 5, 2019. He was received by Shri S A Jamal, Administrative Officer GSDS and Dr. Sailaja Gullapalli, Research Associate GSDS.



Monaco's H.E. Prince Albert II is seen striking the World Peace Gong in Gandhi Smriti during his visit.



Dr. Sailaja Gullapalli, Research Associate GSDS is seen explaining Monaco's Prince Albert II how the world leaders paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi after his assassination, as Shri S A Jamal, Administrative Officer GSDS (extreme R) join the conversation.



Shri S A Jamal, Administrative Officer GSDS presents Mahatma Gandhi's autobiography and Charkha to Monaco's H.E. Prince Albert II.



His Excellency, Mr. Farhod Arziev Ambassador of the Republic of Uzbekistan in India being presented with Mahatma Gandhi's Autobiography and other publications as a gift by Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan.



(Above and Below): A twenty two member delegation from Election Commissions of various nations visited Gandhi Smriti.



April 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A five member delegation headed by the State Minister of Power and Energy from Sri Lanka had visited the museum on 10th April 2018. • A four member delegation headed by the Vice Minister of Energy from Venezuela had visited the museum on 10th April 2018. • A three member delegation headed by the Minister of Energy from Algeria had visited the museum on 10th April 2018. • A five member delegation headed by the Minister of Energy of Thailand had visited the museum on 12th April 2018. • A seven member delegation headed by the Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources of Egypt had visited the museum on 13th April 2018. • A six member delegation headed by the Chief of Army from South Korea had visited the museum on 13th April 2018. • High Commissioner of Sri Lanka had visited the museum on 29th April 2018.
May 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A delegation comprising of thirty members from Indonesian Defence University had visited the museum on 02nd May 2018. • A fifteen member delegation from Bureau of Parliamentary Studies and Training had visited the museum on 10th May 2018. • Colombian Ambassador to India had visited the museum on 20th May 2018.
June 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A three member delegation headed by the Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of South Korea had visited the museum on 6th June 2018. • A fifty member delegation from South Korea had visited the museum on 7th June 2018.
July 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The President of The Republic of South Korea, Mr Moon Jae In, had visited the museum on 9th July 2018. He was accompanied by the Honourable Prime Minister of India, Shri. Narendra Modi. • A seven member delegation by Korea Trade Centre had visited the museum on 10th July 2018. • A six member delegation headed by the President of Senate of Rwanda had visited the museum on 10th July 2018.
August 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A delegation comprising of six Member of Parliament from Japan had visited the museum on 7th August 2018. • A seven member delegation headed by H.E. Mr. Tudor Ulianoschi, Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova had visited the museum on 11th August 2018 • A twenty three member delegation of Journalist from Francophone Countries of Africa had visited the museum on 21st August 2018. • A delegation comprising of fifteen members from the Embassy of Israel had visited the museum on 28th August 2018. • Thirty five members from The Lok Sabha Secretariat had visited the museum on 30th August 2018.
September 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A delegation comprising of ten members from Korean Defence Service had visited the museum on 7th September 2018. • A twelve member delegation headed by German Minister had visited the museum on 18th September 2018. • Air Chief of Sweden had visited the museum on 27th September 2018.

October 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A thirteen member delegation from Saudi Arabia had visited the museum on 4th October 2018. • Ambassador of Uzbekistan to India had visited the museum on 10th October 2018. • Music troupe 'Havas' from Uzbekistan had visited the museum on 20th October 2018.
November 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A three member delegation from Venezuela had visited the museum on 2nd November 2018. • A five member delegation from Malta had visited the museum on 16th November 2018. • A delegation comprising of eight members from Department of Armed Forces, Turkmenistan had visited the museum on 25th November 2018.
December 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A six member defence personnel delegation from China had visited the museum on 10th December 2018. • A delegation comprising of eight Members of Parliament from Japan had visited the museum on 18th December 2018. • A ten member delegation from South Korea had visited the museum on 26th December 2018.
January 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A five member delegation headed by Naval Chief of France had visited the museum on 8th January 2019. • Chief of Defence Forces of Australia had visited the museum on 10th January 2019. • An eight member delegation headed by Minister of Justice, Japan had visited the museum on 11th January 2019. • President House of Councillors from Japan had visited the museum on 11th January 2019. He was accompanied by a fourteen member delegation. • A delegation of defence personnel from South Korea had visited the museum on 18th January 2019. • A twenty two member delegation from election commissions of various nations had visited the museum on 24th January 2019. • US Ambassador to India, Mr. Kenneth Juster had visited the museum on 29th January 2019.
February 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A delegation from Shanti Fund, New York, USA had visited the museum on 3rd February 2019. • Spouse of The Commander in Chief of Army, Indonesia, had visited the museum on 4th February 2019. • A fifteen member delegation headed by Prince Albert II from Monaco had visited the museum on 5th February 2019. • A five member delegation headed by Cabinet Minister from Germany had visited the museum on 10th February 2019. • Deputy Prime Minister of Mauritius had visited the museum on 12th February 2019. He was accompanied by a delegation comprising of six officials. • Chief Executive Officer of Heritage Department of Singapore had visited the museum on 19th February 2019. • Vice Minister, Defence, of South Korea had visited the museum on 22nd January 2019. • Foreign Affairs Minister of Austria had visited the museum on 26th February 2019.
March 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A six member delegation headed by the Director of KDA, South Korea had visited the museum on 29th March 2019. • A delegation comprising of hundred fifty members from Border Roads Organisation (MoD) had visited the museum on 26th March 2019.

Farewell



(From the archives): Prof. K. D. Gangrade (07 June 1926 - 05 Feb 2019) addressing a gathering in Gandhi Smriti during his tenure as Vice-Chairman GSDS.

Prof. Kesharichand Dasharathsa Gangrade or popularly known as Prof. K D Gangrade was a brilliant social scientist having obtained his M.A. (Economics), and Master of Social Work (MSW) from the University of Michigan, USA, and earned his Ph. D. Degree in Sociology.

He joined the prestigious Delhi School of Social Work (Department of Social Work) of the University of Delhi. He was the Head of the Department.

Later he rose to the position of Pro Vice Chancellor, University of Delhi during the period 1985 to 1990.

Prof. K.D. Gangrade served as a Faculty Member, University of Manchester, United Kingdom, University of Toronto, Canada. & Visiting Fellow at University of Haifa, Israel.

Prof. Gangrade rendered his expertise to the different organs of United Nations Organization.

Prof. Gangrade lived his life as a true Gandhian in thought, preachings, dress and address, having delivered lectures on Gandhian & Social Work in a number of Indian Universities, gave key note addresses, in a number of Gandhian seminars and Conferences.

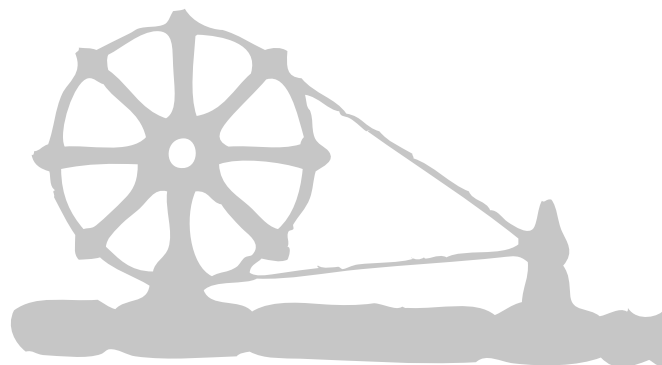
He had also authored more than 20 books, and 150 research papers on different aspects of Social Work, Gandhian Thought and Development.

Prof. Gangrade was the Vice-Chairman of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, New Delhi from 1999 to 2005.

Prof. Gangrade has been decorated with a number of awards and accolades, such as, *Samaj Gaurav* (1988) – *Bhartiya Sangathan*, *Rashtra Ratna* (1998) – *Vishva Jagriti Mission*, *Radha Raman Award* (2000), for outstanding contribution to Education, *Legendary Gandhian Title* conferred by *Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan*, Aurangabad, 2004.

After having completed his sojourn on earth, at the age of 93 years, Prof. K D Gangrade passed into eternity on February 5, 2019.

The GSDS family bids farewell to this stalwart Gandhian and academician.





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भरतपुर। विश्व युवा कौशल दिवस की पूर्व संध्या पर लुपिन द्वारा गांधी स्मृति एवं दर्शन समिति के सहयोग से आयोजित गोष्ठी की अध्यक्षता करते हुए बसंतजी ने कहा कि वर्तमान समय में भी गांधीजी के विचारों को आम्रमात करने की आवश्यकता है। देश विकास की दिशा में तेजी से आगे बढ़ेगा। महात्मा गांधी द्वारा ग्रामीण विकास के लिए तय मॉडल और दिशा आज भी प्रासंगिक है। हमें परंपरागत व्यवसायों में वर्तमान युग के अनुसार बदलाव लाकर प्रोत्साहन देना होगा। लुपिन के अधिशाषी निदेशक सीताराम गुप्ता ने कहा कि संस्था महात्मा गांधी के उपदेशों की अंगीकार कर ग्रामीण क्षेत्र के परंपरागत व्यवसायों को प्रोत्साहन देने, स्वच्छता की भावना जगाव करने और पर्यावरण संरक्षण को प्रोत्साहन देने की दिशा में कार्य कर रहे हैं। आजीविका विकास निगम के सहयोग से संचालित औद्योगिक सुरूहाई के प्रशिक्षण और पांच युवा उद्यमियों की अतिथियों द्वारा प्रबंधन-पत्र देकर सम्मानित किया। संचालन महिला विकास कार्यक्रम प्रभारी शाली होम्ब्रे ने किया।



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पर्यावरण को जैविक खाद बनाकर करें संरक्षित

कृषि विज्ञान केंद्र सीतामढी के प्रिंसिपल सभागावत में सेमिनार

कृषि विज्ञान केंद्र सीतामढी और आरापारा के बीच पर्यावरण को जैविक खाद बनाकर संरक्षित करने के उद्देश्य से एक सेमिनार का आयोजन किया गया। इसमें कृषि विज्ञान केंद्र के प्रिंसिपल डॉ. अमर उजाला ने मुख्य अतिथि के रूप में भाग लिया। उन्होंने कहा कि जैविक खाद का उपयोग करने से पर्यावरण को संरक्षित करने में मदद मिलेगी और किसानों को भी लाभ होगा।



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