



## Webinar Report

The Gandhi Study Circle in association with IQAC and Department of Political Science organised a Webinar on “**Mahatma Gandhi and The Nationalist Movement: Relevance for Resurgent India** ” on the auspices of the **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**, on 18th August 2021. The distinguished speaker was Professor Bidyut Chakrabarty, the Honourable Vice-Chancellor, Visva Bharati, West Bengal. It was a very fascinating lecture with historical anecdotes, narratives and a comparative study of Mahatma Gandhi with other towering personalities of his times. Gandhi’s impact on postcolonial India is far reaching and has impacted many countries around the world. His contribution to human civilization as to how we can achieve sustainable peace internationally is growingly becoming relevant today. At the present juncture when most segmented societies are vulnerable to violence emanating from various sources his messages and ideas are becoming pressingly relevant today. The violence and unsustainable human endeavors bodes well for the adoption of Gandhian ideas to solve present challenges. His contribution to India’s freedom movement was phenomenal. However, the relevance of his ideas and messages are ever-growing.

Professor Bidyut Chakrabarty dwelt upon various aspects of Gandhiji’s emergence as a civilizational man. Prof. Chakrabarty, a widely recognised Gandhian Scholar presented his views on Gandhiji in a lucid and accessible way and enriched understanding of the participants in the webinar. Prof. Chakrabarty with his deep knowledge enlightened the participants about the early years of Mahatma Gandhi to the last phases of his life and contribution to the national movement. He through interesting narratives adduced historical developments and presented the ideas and messages of Gandhiji and his contemporary relevance to resurgent India.

The Principal of the college Professor Rabi Narayan Kar welcomed the speaker and shared his thoughts on the contemporary relevance of Gandhiji. Professor Kusha Tiwari the IQAC convenor also addressed the participants and shared her views on Gandhiji’s contributions. Dr. Neena Shireesh, the Convenor of the Gandhi Study Circle was the convener of the Webinar.