

Department of Political Science

(Activities for the Session 2019-20)

National Conference by Department of Political Science (1-2, October 2019)

Two-Day National Seminar on “Gandhi and Environment: Visualizing a Sustainable Future”

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE
The seminar will be value to faculties, research scholars, expert consultants, students and professionals from all disciplines. Original research papers contributing towards developing an understanding of the theme form a variety of perspectives are invited

IMPORTANT DATES

Research paper submission start date	September 15, 2019
Research paper submission end date	September 23, 2019
Acceptance Notification	September 25, 2019
Seminar Date	October 01-02, 2019

STUDENT ACTIVITIES
There will be a lot of engagements/ competitions (Extempore, Essay competition, poster and paintings, and quiz competition) for students on the sidelines of the symposium. Attractive prizes and certificates would be awarded to the students.


REGISTRATION FEES

Students	Rs 100
Research Scholar and Faculty Members	Rs 500

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Gandhi Study Circle
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National Seminar



**“Gandhi and Enviorment:
Visualizing a Sustainable Future”**

1 - 2 October, 2019

at
Seminar Hall, Shyam Lal College
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Opp. Welcome Metro Station

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

SLC, a co-educational constituent college of the University of Delhi, was established in 1964. SLC being the oldest and pioneer college in East Delhi has been catering to the holistic educational requirements of the young generation. The College is rapidly emerging as a prominent educational institution of the University and has earned its legitimate claim as the most efficient and complete educational institution in the relatively less developed East Delhi region. The endeavor of the College has always been to make higher education more enjoyable, job oriented, meaningful and practical, and at the same time more adaptable to the ever changing demands of our society.

GANDHI STUDY CIRCLE

The College, in its effort to maximize the teaching learning outcome, has established GSC that offers unique platform and opportunity to the students to have a wholesome learning experience. The important events organized and initiatives taken by this Centre has evidently opened the minds of the students to newer ways of thinking. GSC has taken up cross-cutting issues related to professional challenges and social anomalies etc. Gandhi Study Circle of SLC aims to revisit, review and debate Gandhi and his teachings with the young generation. It also tries to inculcate Gandhian values and ideals such as simplicity and selflessness among the students. The Circle works on the principle of reviving Gandhian teachings on the integrated view of life that unites the whole of humanity beyond the forces of religion and communalism.

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

The Department of Political Science is a part of the glorious heritage of Shyam Lal College. From a modest beginning in 1966, it blossomed into a full

fledged Department offering honour courses to the undergraduate students from all over the country. The faculty of the Department consists of experienced, young and enthusiastic faculties committed to creating a democratic academic culture. At present, it has 12 faculties with a wide range of interests and specializations. Apart from the compulsory courses, the Department offers a wide choice of optional courses including 'Public Policy in India', 'Understanding South Asia', 'Feminism: Theory and Practices', 'Contemporary Political Economy', 'Feminism and Indian Politics', 'The United Nations and Global Conflicts', etc.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Gandhi Study Circle (GSC), SLC (Shyam Lal College), University of Delhi takes immense pleasure in announcing a National Seminar on "**Gandhi and Environment: Visualizing a Sustainable Future**". As the nation gears up to commemorate Gandhian ideals and practice on his 150th Birth Anniversary, we intend to host this seminar for active engagement of students and scholars towards inculcating Gandhian values and ideals such as simplicity and selflessness among the students. This national seminar is an attempt to understand Gandhi in today's context and analyze how his ideas and visions can guide our destiny. Astonishingly, at this crucial juncture we are neglecting Gandhian ways despite his growing relevance

SEMINAR THEME

- Gandhian Paradigms on 'Development', 'Environment', 'Economy' and 'Ethics'
- Gram Swaraj and Sustainable Development
- Development and its Discontents
- Environmental Pollution: Water, Air, Land
- Development and Social Equity
- Disasters: Man-made, Natural, Sea-born cyclones, Urban Flooding etc.



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Date: 01-02 October, 2019

Venue: Seminar Hall, SLC

First Day

Inaugural Session: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Introductory Remarks: Dr. Neena Shireesh

Welcome Speech:

Prof. Rabi Narayan Kar, Principal, SLC

Chief Guest:

Sh. Mahendra Kapur, Social Thinker

Keynote Speaker:

Prof. Rajvir Sharma, Fellow, IAS, Shimla

Tea Break: 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm

Plenary Session I: 12:30 pm to 02:00 pm

Chair: Dr. Siddharth Mishra, President, CRDI, Delhi

Prof. Pulin B. Nayak, Delhi School of Economics

Prof. Vijay Laxmi Pandit, Pro VC, AP University

Prof. Manvedra Kishor Das, Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi

Prof. Manoj Sinha, Principal, Aryabhata College, DC

Lunch Break: 02:00 pm to 03:00 pm

Plenary Session II: 03 pm to 05:00 pm

Chair: Prof. Harpreet Kaur, Principal, Mata Sundar College, DU

Dr. Anil Dutta Mishra, Sulabh International, Delhi

Dr. Devasia M. Antony, Hindu College, DU

Dr. Anita Tagore, Kalindi College, DU

Dr. Gayatri Chaturvedi, Shyam Lal College, DU

Second Day

Technical Session III: 10 am to 11:30 am

Paper Presentation by Students

Quiz Competition/ Debate by Students

Chair: Dr. Neena Shireesh

Valedictory Session:

11:30 am to 01:00 pm

Chair:

Prof. Vibha Chauhan

Principal, KM College, DU

Chief Guest:

Prof. K.B. Dash

Pro VC, IGNOU, New Delhi

Vote of Thanks:

Dr. Sitaram Kumbhar

TIC, Deptt. of Pol.Sc.

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The Department of Political Science in association with the Gandhi Study Circle successfully organized a Two-Day National Seminar on “Gandhi and Environment: Visualizing a Sustainable Future” between 1-2 October 2019. The National Seminar was a successful academic event in which a galaxy of leading Gandhian scholars converged and engaged in vibrant academic exchange of Ideas on the topic. The leading Scholars who participated in the National Seminar, among many, were: Sh. Mahendra Kapur, Prof. Rajvir Sharma, Prof. K.B. Dash, Dr. Siddarth Mishra, Prof. Vijay Laxmi Pandit, Prof. Manoj Sinha, Manvendra Kishore Das, Prof. Vibha Chauhan, Dr. Anil Dutta Mishra, Dr. Devasia M. Antony, Dr. Anita Tagore and Prof. Harpreet Kaur. The National

Seminar was based on the following themes:

Gandhian Paradigms on ‘Development’, ‘Environment’, ‘Economy’ and ‘Ethics’, Gram Swaraj and Sustainable Development, Environmental Pollution: Water, Air, Land Development and Social Equity, Natural Disasters: Manmade, Natural, Sea-born cyclones, Urban Flooding, Nuclear etc.

Gandhi and Environment: Visualizing a sustainable future

The environmental crisis seems to have reached a catastrophic end unless whatever destructions already been done are reversed and remedied on a war footing. Economic progress across the world is said to be one of the gargantuan accomplishments of the modern nation states. However, the development paradigms across the globe are anthropocentric and often deny its interdependence with nature. Our understanding of environment and nature is highly anthropocentric which leads to destruction of the former. The environmental crisis has reached such a stage that environment’s convalescence looks bleak. We need to realise that there are many other living creatures and have rights to live. The holistic understanding of development-environment relationship must recognise the claims of human and other living creatures.

" We have inherited a highly reductive intellectual tradition and anti-ecological worldview in profound denial of our fundamental interdependence with nature. We are embedded within non-human nature and dependent on ecological systems for life but our belief systems do not reflect

this basic relationship. Consequently, the world we have designed is deeply unsustainable” (Boehnert, Joanna, 2018, Design Ecology Politics: Towards the Ecocene, Bloomsbury Academic).

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi popularly known as Mahatma Gandhi has spoken and written widely about the relationship between environment, development and human ethics. He was a product of centuries old Indian ideas and philosophies. He was not an original thinker but he was the one who energized the Indian understanding about environment and development. The desultory nature of present development paradigm is devoid of Gandhian perspectives on development. The present development paradigm needs to rethink about these time-tested paradigms and use them sustainably. The sumptuous living style is opposed to Indian and Gandhian way of life which leads to gradual degradation of environment. India has rich treasure of imaginative ideas which can make India a world leader.

Hence, the call of the time is collective responsibility in a confraternity to gradually reverse the myopic development perspectives which have ravaged the environment. Indian philosophical baggage is luciferous and provides suitable remedies which Mahatma Gandhi uncovered through his life, speeches and writings.

Many present-day problems and environmental problems in particular require Gandhian solution. Gandhian solution would look awkward to all of us as we are acquainted to a particular way of life which is pernicious, noisome and noxious to environment. The present development paradigm has created big scourge to environment so much so that they are resulting in disasters of many kinds. The obsession for wealth creation and its accumulation has created malificence causing irreparable damage to the environment. The creation of artificial structures in the name of development not just destroying scenery rather systematically paralyzing nature's ability to renew itself. The human consumption is shooting what the nature can produce annually. The pollution of water, air and soil is creating public health hazards. Urban cities are fast becoming unsuitable for healthy living.

Many may ignore but venerable individuals like Mahatma Gandhi provides sanguine solution and hopes in times of despire. India is home to towering personalities who provide holistic solutions to thwart present day crisis. Unconscionable developmental activities are creating

havocks on our environment and above all on our mother earth which once occupied a sanctimonious place in our imagination. Gandhi through his thoughts and acts has demonstrated how we have turned it into something more notorious. Gandhi has said man's greed can never be satiated and the present paradigm on development seems to be the ultimate expression of human greed.

In Mahatma Gandhi's words:

"Nature has enough to satisfy everyone's need but not to satisfy anybody's greed".

The amount of governments responses to protect and reverse gradual destruction of our environment remain hamstrung, ineffective and insufficient. The institutional architectures of governments responses to the present crisis lack necessary wherewithal to realistically address the problems. Hence, earth is fast becoming an unstable place to live in. Our own greed has ended up in ultimate environmental collapse of many sorts. This questions the policy designs and resources spent in the reversal activities to enable environment regenerate itself. This resources meant for the environmental protection are systematically siphoned off and wherever utilized are inadequate. Hence, it deserves serious holistic interventions of governments, international organizations, civil society and common citizens across the world.

The National Seminar wants to deliberate upon the possible alternatives to regenerate environment by invoking Gandhi and Paradigms on development and environment and how the paralyzed environment can be reversed to its original position, if not in immediate future, at least in long run. The National Seminar would have Scholars from across the disciplines to deliberate and exchange Ideas surrounding Gandhian alternative to the present crisis.

Themes:

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