Department of Political Science

Activities for the academic session 2020-21

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Webinar on "Mahatma Gandhi and The Nationalist Movement: Relevance for Resurgent India

The Department of Political Science in association with IQAC and The Gandhi Study Circle 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.







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Organises Webinar on

Mahatma Gandhi & The Nationalist Movement: Relevance for Resurgent India

Speaker:

Prof. Bidyut Chakrabarty Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Visva Bharati

Date : 18 August, 2021 Time : 4:00 PM

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Prof. Kusha Tiwari Coordinator, IQAC Dr. Sitaram Kumbhar TIC, Dept. of Pol.Sci. Dr. Neena Shireesh Convenor, Gandhi Study Circle

Prof. Rabi Narayan Kar Principal, SLC

Faculty Members : Dr. Anil Thakur, Dr. Srinivas Misra, Dr. Rekha Kaushik, Dr. Niranjan Chichuan Dr. Shyam Sundar Prasad, Dr. Rapti Mishra, Mr. Deepak Kumar Dr. Surabhi Sahagal, Mr. Nartam Vivekanand Motiram

Webinar on Relevance of Gandhian Thoughts and Ethics during the Covid Pandemic and After (2nd October 2020)

Name of the Resource Persons:

Swami Shyama Chaitanya ji, Expert on Gandhi and Vedas, Rishikesh.

Dr. Devasia M. Anthony, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Hindu College, University of Delhi

No of Participant: 60 approximately

Organisers/Collaborators: Gandhi Study Circle in Collaboration Department of Political Science and IQAC, SLC (M), University of Delhi

Gandhi Study Circle in Collaboration with Department of Political Science and IQAC, SLC, DU celebrated Gandhi Jayanti on 2nd of October 2020, by revisiting the relevance of Gandhian thoughts in the times of Covid pandemic. Two experts on Gandhi joined this celebration as a resource person. The first speaker, Swami Shyama Chaitanya, is a Gandhian and studies Indian Vedas- spoke extensively on spirituality and explained how Gandhi used our Vedic knowledge in his own life and philosophy. He explained the key to overcome the current pandemic times is through Yogic Gyana, which teaches us, how to discipline our body and mind. The spiritual facet of Gandhian thought was emphasized by the first speaker which is primarily derived from Gandhiji's reading of Bhagwat Geeta and Spiritual Sadhana. Concepts like Karma, God as and Absolute truth, Body and mind complex debate, Violence were deeply discussed by the eminent speaker. Swamiji also discussed how Gandhi visualized Geeta as a constant ongoing battle in human heart.

The second speaker Dr. Anthony M. Devasia, touched the ethical aspect of Gandhian Philosophy and explained the relationship between Achara and Vichara. He interestingly explained why everybody loves to hate Gandhi. The speaker explained the relationship between Gandhian thought and different Indian philosophical traditions. He elucidated Gandhian idea of self which has its reflection in Hind Swaraj. The speaker also explained how the Covid Pandemic has deconstructed binary between the 'public and private', which is the fundamental axiom of Modernity. The lecture was followed by a brief discussion between the resource person and participants and ended with a vote of thanks.









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A Webinar On

Relevance of Gandhian Thoughts and Ethics during the Covid Pandemic and after

Speakers

Swami Shyama Chaitanyaji, Rishikesh Dr. Devasia M. Antony Hindu College, University of Delhi

On 2nd October, 2020 at 5:00 PM

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Dr. Neena Shireesh Convenor, Gandhi Study Circle Dr. Kusha Tiwari Convenor, IQAC

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Organizing Committee:

Dr. Sitaram Kumbhar, Dr. Hemant Kukreti, Dr. Supriti Mishra, Dr.Monika Gupta, Dr. Anil Thakur, Dr. Rekha Kaushik, Dr. Ameswar Nayak, Dr. Srinivas Misra, Dr. Niranjan Chichuan, Mr. Deepak Kumar, Ms. Rapti Mishra, Dr.Sirabhi Sahgal, Mr. Vivekanand Nartam

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<u>Webinar on : India at UN: Opportunities and Challenges</u> for the Rising Power.

The Department of Political Science organised a national Webinar on "India at UN: Opportunities and Challenges for the Rising Power", in collaboration with Gandhi Study Circle and IQAC of the college. The Department of Political Science has been organising various academic activities regularly for exchange of ideas. This webinar is an attempt to understand India's engagement in the UN in the changing times. How India is contributing to the UN in a great way particularly in peacekeeping. But in recent years global power structure has undergone significant transformation, and scholars say the United Nations no more represent the changed situation, demands are arising to restructure the United Nations. India is demanding permanent membership of the UN Security Council. India is a rising power and it's a legitimate demand.

The resource persons of the webinar were Dr. Bhabani Dikshit and Dr. Rajneesh Kumar Gupta. Dr. Bhabani Dikshit chaired the webinar. Dr. Dixit is one of the renowned thinkers of our time. He has wide experience and expertise in most aspects of India,. And as individual he is a most compensate person. He is a also a practicing Gandhian. As an intellectual he is naturally connected to the problems of the marginalized and dispossessed people our society. He is also an activist working for uplifting the poor. His core interests are in the environment, sustainable development, peace, nonviolence and human rights. At present Dr. Dixit is also the Managing Editor of the reputed peer reviewed journal, *World Focus*. Journal focuses on Indian foreign policy and other international developments.

Dr. Rajneesh Kumar Gupta is working as Assistant Professor in the Centre for Diaspora Studies (CDS), Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar. Dr. Gupta obtained Ph.D. degree on 'Indian Diaspora in East Africa' from SIS, JNU, New Delhi. Dr. Gupta is founding member of organization for Diaspora Initiatives (ODI) and currently holds responsibilities of Assistant Editor of its journal *Diaspora Studies* (indexed in Scopus and Web of Science). His research and

teaching interests includes- India and the United Nations System, Global Politics and Indian Diaspora.

Professor Rabi Narayan Kar, Principal and patron of the event welcomed the resources persons and shared his views. He was of the view that UN needs to be restructured to accommodate the contemporary changes and developments. Dr. Neena Shireesh, senior faculty member of the Department of Political Science and Convener of the Gandhi Study Circle, Shyam Lal College enriched the webinar through her active participation and interventions. Professor Kusha Tiwari convener of IQAC shared her thoughts in the webinar and emphasized that the changing international order must be thoroughly be engaged academically.

Dr. Rajneesh Kumar Gupta discussed the issues with rich historical narrative and international relation theories. The UN as an organization has been contributing to the world peace and development. Most of the achievements of the UN internationally are through its agencies and no two important organs of the UN. Most of the individuals evaluate the UN through General Assembly and Security Council but most of the effective and positive achievement of the UN has been achieved through its agencies. He argued that it would not be fair to actually evaluate the UN through in such a fashion. He further added that the big power monopoly in such organs of the UN is another important matter. The contributions to UN coffer come from the developed countries and most of the developing countries are not able to make reasonable monetary contribution to the UN. These days the developed countries are also not fulfilling it monetary obligations.

He also argued that many new power centers have developed in the recent decades and the UN should recognize them. It should provide membership in the UN Security Council to countries like India and South Africa and Brazil.



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Organises Webinar on India at UN: Challenges and Opportunities for the Emerging Power

Chair: Dr Bhabani Dikshit Managing Editor, World Focus Speaker:

Dr. Rajneesh Kumar Gupta Centre for Diaspora Studies Central University of Gujarat

Date : 24th October, 2021 Time : 10:30 AM



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Webinar on the occasion of Janjati Gourav Diwas (15-11-2021)

