

Annual Report 2017-18

Gandhi Study Circle

The Gandhi Study Circle of Kamala Nehru College was established in 1969 by Dr.Sita Bimrao. It aims at sensitizing students about Gandhian philosophy and instilling and unshakeable faith in them regarding Gandhian Principle and their relevance today. For Academic Year 2017-18 Gandhi Study Circle has observed the following events:

- 14th September 2017 - ‘Gandhi in Me’
- 21st September 2017 -Logo Making Competition
- 27th September 2017 -‘Charkha Ustav’
- 30th January 2018 - Gandhi Vandan

The Current academic session begins with our first event titled as ‘**Gandhi in Me**’, as the title suggest this participation based event themed on Gandhian ideas and philosophy of act. Participant have to step in Gandhian shoe and speak on the random situation provided to them. The objective was to encourage the Gandhian thoughts in day to day issues of personal and social life. Near about 50 students and teacher participated in the event. Gandhi Study Circle Convenor and Co-convenor , Dr. Neena Bansal and Dr. Vinita Malik felicitate the participants. society faculty members Mr. Harsh Meena and Dr. Santosh Mathur were also present on this occasion .

On 21st September 2017 the second major event for this academic session **Logo making competition** was conducted , which was aimed to connect students with relevance of Gandhian philosophy in academics, society also adopted the best emblem from the competition.

‘**Charkha Ustav**’ was observed on 27th September , the Charkha is symbol of self sufficiency, Independence and a tool to fight against the inequality was brought by Mahatma Gandhi which later became the base for the promotion of cottage industries in India. In 1918 Mahatma Gandhi started his movement for Khadi as relief programme for the poor masses living in India's villages. Thus Khadi is not mere a piece of cloth but a way of life.

To commemorate the same, the Gandhi Study Circle of Kamala Nehru College today (27th October, 2017) organised “Charkha Utsav” in the college campus.

The event commenced with a Talk entitled “Khadi: The Living Art” by Professor Manendra Nath Thakur from JNU. Professor Thakur beautifully weaved the Gandhian ideology and the significance of khadi to the idea of the humane self.

There was a Charkha workshop conducted by Dr. Sita Bimbraw and her team to give students a hands-on learning experience on the spinning wheel. Principal Dr. Kalpna Bhakuni, Prof. Thakur and other faculty members were also participated in the charkha demonstration . There was a pottery hands-on learning workshop going on simultaneously which was also attended by the students very enthusiastically.

The College had also invited the Khadi Bhavan stall to display their products and khadi clothes for sale.

The celebrations ended with the finale event “Walk for Khadi” a show put together by the Fashion society of the College, the Glitz. The students adorned themselves in khadi and ramp-walked to bring about a confluence of khadi, style and fashion.

The grand event ended with a vote of thanks to all and a special thanks to seven societies of the College which had pooled their efforts to make the event happen. This convergence is actually the power of Khadi and Gandhi.

Lastly Gandhi study circle of kamala Nehru College has observed **martyr’s day on 30/1/18**, in the college premises, in collaboration with four societies of the college namely Green Beans, Sangeetika, NSS and Gandhi study circle.

The programme started with the brief introductory documentary on and about Gandhi his political journey from a common man of colonial national to ‘*Mahatma*’ or ‘*Baapu*’ for all. Students from sangeetika society presented some *bahajans* on Gandhi. Followed by facilitation of guest Dr. Deepti Bansal and her accompanists and also college principal Dr. Kalpna Bhakuni. The guest were facilitated with ‘Charka’ a symbol of Gandhi’s non violent weapon of all evils and a revolution in itself.

Dr. Deepti Bansal ji with her accompanists on *Tabla* and *Harmonium* recited *bahajans* in *Baapu’s* memory. Followed by this Green Beans society of KNC has planted flower trees in college premises in presence of all society members, guest and principal and students of the respective society. The NSS of college also performed a cleanliness drive in the marked area of the college and pledged for the cleanliness of the surrounding. Other attraction of this event was the *Khadi* stall by *khadi bhawan* which was a symbol of *kuteer udyod*.

Lastly student's participation in the 'best out of waste competition' represented the commitment and interest of young minds in Environment conservation with utilization of the waste and its meaningful utility.