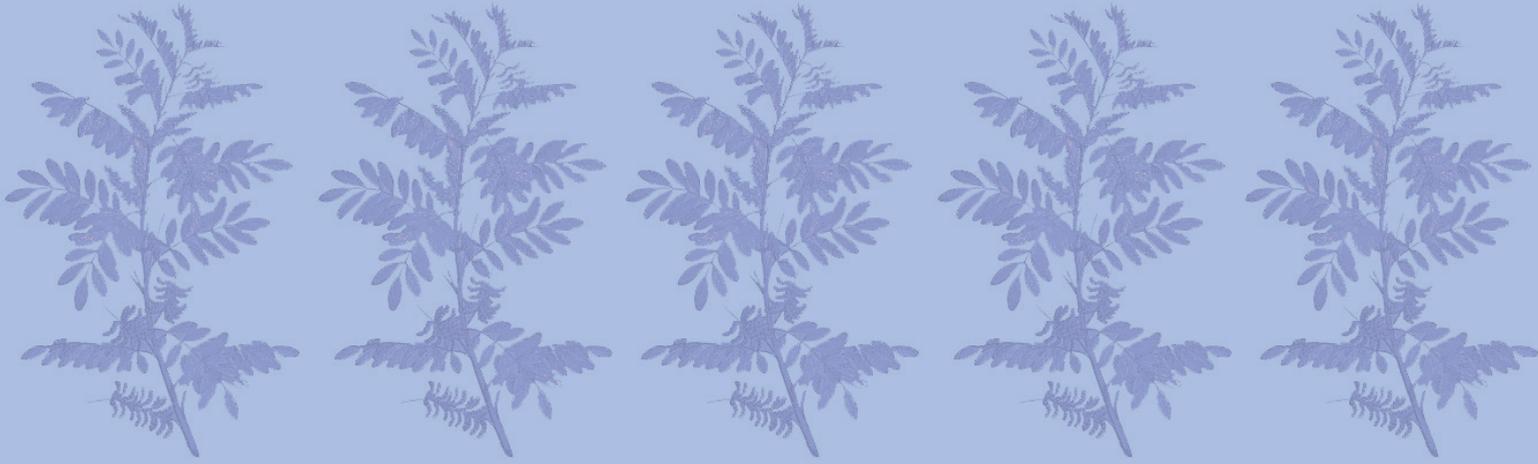


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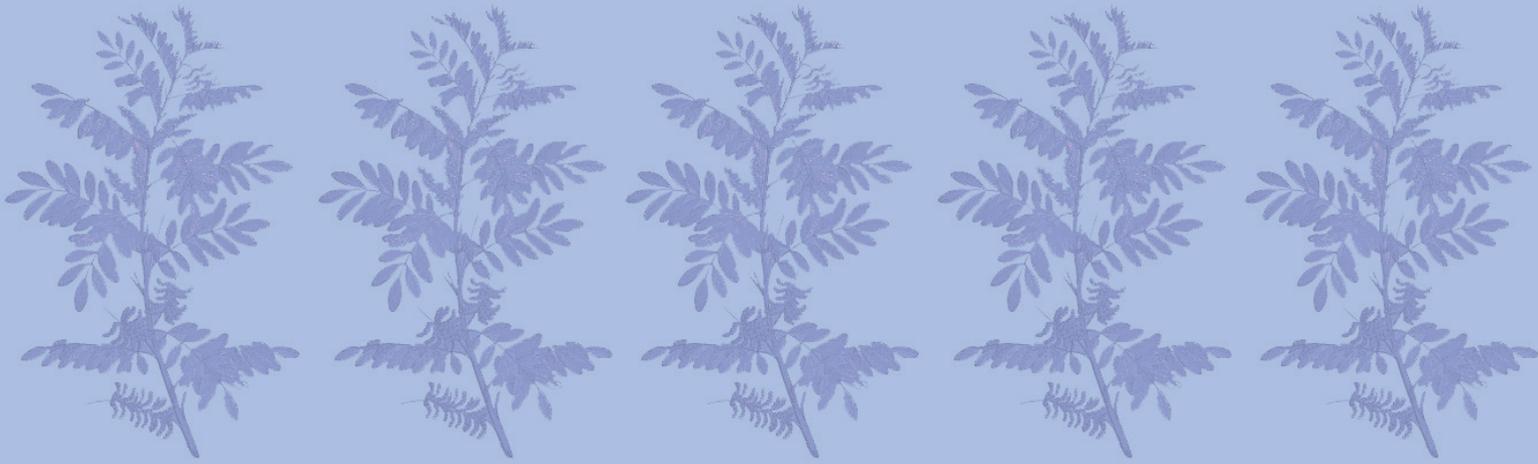
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सामन्तार सारणवा, विवरण सुको दो रोव ओरी के, अल बेरी भी दावो सुको...

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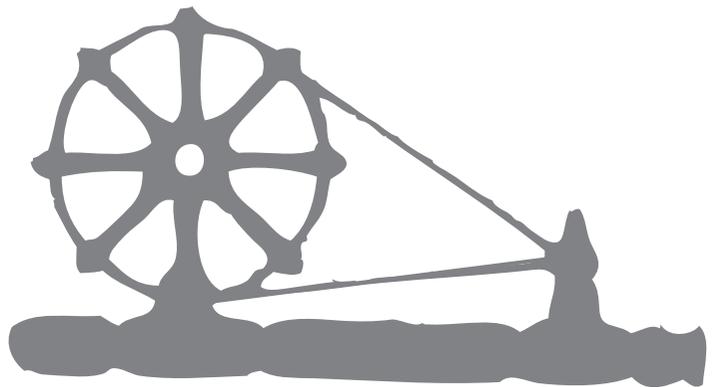
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Foreword

Making people empowered to relive Gandhiji's dreams

The year 2016 has been an eventful year for all of us. Many events of the past which had created history and shaped an entire generation, stood before us once again almost a century later, reminding us of the services of innumerable men, women, youth and children, who sacrificed their lives for humankind.

The idea of a society where mutual coexistence amongst fellow beings and the eternal philosophy of peace and non-violence as espoused by saints, philosophers and social thinkers existed, kept on instilling in us the energy and enthusiasm to carry forward our duties and help bring a little difference in people's lives by giving them certain opportunities that helped them in small ways.

We proudly recalled what Mahatma Gandhi did a century earlier in 1917, for the first time in the Indian soil of Champaran in Bihar – an experiment of his first Satyagraha – to remove the plight of the indigo farmers and thereby reiterating our firm faith that 'FEAR' has only one option – to 'Face Everything And Rise'. That was what the Mahatma's lesson, when above all things in Champaran in 1917, Gandhiji was able to remove 'fear' from the minds and hearts of the poor peasants, who rose not in violent defiance of a system, but in non-violent protest against the atrocities and injustices meted out against them by the British Raj and became triumphant in their struggle.

During the year, the Samiti embarked on several new initiatives which directly benefitted people from the marginalized communities. As part of the Skill Development Mission and the initiatives of the Government of India to make people self-reliant, the Samiti launched the "Srijan Entrepreneurial Centre" which during the year has become a hub of Khadi products which are being designed at GSDS and which has become a major attraction for visitors from all over the world.

Not only this, various other projects were launched during this period to give a boost to young talents and create livelihood opportunities and make them self reliant, not just in Delhi and NCR with institutions such as Hunar Foundation, Connecting Dreams Foundation, but also in the North Eastern state of Manipur in Kasturba Gandhi Institute for Development.



Artist: Smt. Hena Chakaraborty

Discussions, dialogues, seminars were also held to mark the 125th birth anniversary of the Gandhian Economist Dr. J C Kumarappa. "Understanding the Economy of Permanence"; Nurturing Artisans: Strengthening a time-tested Engineering Skills for Villages"; "Bapu's conception of Gram Swaraj through Skill India Program", etc., formed part of discussions and future strategies with an aim to inculcate ideas of Swadeshi, Gram Swaraj, Skill Development; to enhance the creativity of rural youth and women. This created a platform to showcase their skills and also to exhibit local handicrafts, art and culture and teach the techniques to promote for a dignified livelihood.

A rich exposure of the heritage and culture of India was also witnessed at the city of mystics and saints, Varanasi, during the Rashtriya Sanskriti Mohatsav, where the staff of GSDS took active part in all the major activities. Issues such as cleanliness, sanitation (as part of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan), Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao were raised in different platforms through various mediums such as discussions, theatre, workshops, etc., at the Mahotsav.

Several workshops, orientation programmes, seminars, dialogues, programmes on peace-building, youth volunteerism for constructive work were organised during the year for children, youth and women across the country with an aim to generate awareness among the masses and create a strong base for future collaborations keeping in view the forthcoming 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi in 2019.

Adding another dimension to our programmes, we continued our outreach with programmes for the tribal population of the country by organizing Adivasi/Janjati Kala Sanskriti Sangams in far flung areas of Jharkhand, Haflong (Assam), Hyderabad to name a few states. To witness their rich and varied culture in their own native place, besides discussing other issues relating to their land and livelihood was unique, for it gave the urban youth an understanding and a first-hand experience of the peaceful, yet difficult life of the Adivasis who despite all hurdles stands to protect their *jal, jameen, jangal and sanskriti* (water, land, forests and culture).

With a boost to form linkages abroad, the Samiti embarked on not just setting up exhibitions on the life, message and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi for countries like Sudan and Senegal, but also hosted the 1st Global Youth Leadership Summit in its Gandhi Darshan campus with Bright Youth Society that saw a participation of youth from over 11 countries of the world.

Another important journey of the Samiti was to make its mark on the social media – Facebook, Twitter, etc. In this endeavour, the Samiti launched the "GSDS You Tube Channel" in association with Samvad Media, where short documentaries on the activities of the Samiti are being regularly updated for a wider audience.

Another significant move was conducting an *Orientation Programme for Hon'ble MLAs of Arunachal Pradesh Assembly on Gandhian philosophy and their practical relevance in formulation of policies and development*. This initiative was an attempt to reaffirm



the need for practicing nonviolence, truth, selfless service and ethics, in order to challenge the problems faced by humankind and thereby lay the foundation of sustainable development and growth.

In this line, another such programme for the police officers on “Nonviolent Conflict Resolution and Nonviolent Communication” was organised at Golaghat, Assam.

The Value Creation Camps for children – organized by the Samiti twice a year during October 2nd (Gandhi Jayanti) and January 30th, (Martyrdom Day) – from far flung areas and marginalized communities is an attempt to bring children into the mainstream by engaging them in different activities such as theatre, comics workshops, field visits, etc. These children from as far as Kargil to as near as Uttar Pradesh also get an opportunity to meet the hon’ble Prime Minister of India and other VVIPs during the commemorative programmes in Gandhi Smriti, a memory, worth cherishing.

Today when nothing is so certain, as uncertainty and language is a gesture or mirror of social reality it is the young boys and girls who are the future of the world. Mahatma Gandhi has to be seen in the perspectives of the youth of today who are ever progressing and have the dynamism and vigour to take the country forward.

It is time to bring the young and the dynamic Mahatma Gandhi before them and introduce what Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi did as a young man volunteering himself for social causes and plunging his self and soul for humanity. The old Mahatma –a title which he himself never accepted – is known to all.

The young M K Gandhi walks the extra mile with the young with a renewed hope. For he himself believed and urged the young to go to the villages and develop the India of their dreams, for the real India according to Bapu lives in the villages.

As the nation and the world community prepares itself to celebrate the 150th Birth Anniversary of the messiah of peace, Mahatma Gandhi in 2019, we as a nation must commit ourselves to be able to create a dynamic work force of a young India with the older generation guiding us in our path to reach out to the last person in the society and see that their life and livelihood is secured.

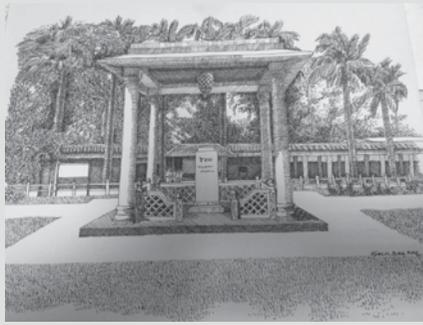
This young force from cross segments of the society must dedicate themselves to work constructively for the society and ensure that harmony, brotherhood, amity and tolerance triumphs. A society, where women can be free from ‘fear’ of any form; a society where each stands for the cause of the other; and a society where love emanates from every soul is one, which Gandhiji had lived and died for.

This would be the real tribute to the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi as we walk towards fulfilling the goal set by the hon’ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi for 2019.

Let us dedicate ourselves to this cause from this very moment itself.

**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



A view of the Gandhi Smriti Museum at 5, Tees January Marg, New Delhi.

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:

- (a) *Visual Aspects* to perpetuate the memory of Mahatma Gandhi and the noble ideals they represented,
- (b) *Educative Aspects* to focus concentrated attention on certain values of life that made Gandhi a Mahatma and
- (c) *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



The Prayer Ground in Gandhi Smriti, where Mahatma Gandhi held his regular evening prayer meetings.

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 Padmashri Sh. Ram Sutar. The legend at the base of the sculpture says, "My Life is My Message".

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'.

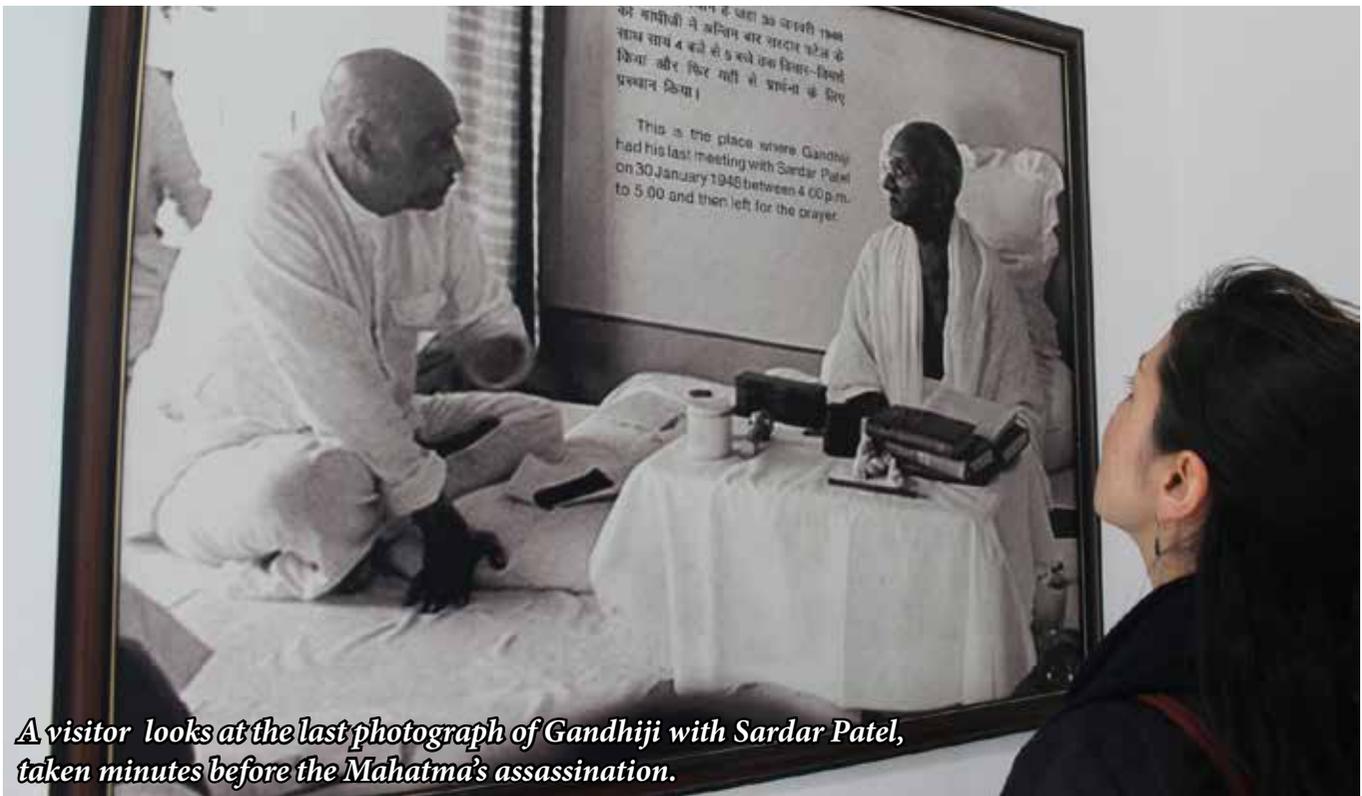
Outside the Pavilion there is a bench, made of red sand stone on which Mahatma Gandhi used to sit during the prayer or in conversation with the vast mass of humanity who would assemble

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.



The site of the Martyrdom of Mahatma Gandhi in Gandhi Smriti.



A visitor looks at the last photograph of Gandhiji with Sardar Patel, taken minutes before the Mahatma's assassination.

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.

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

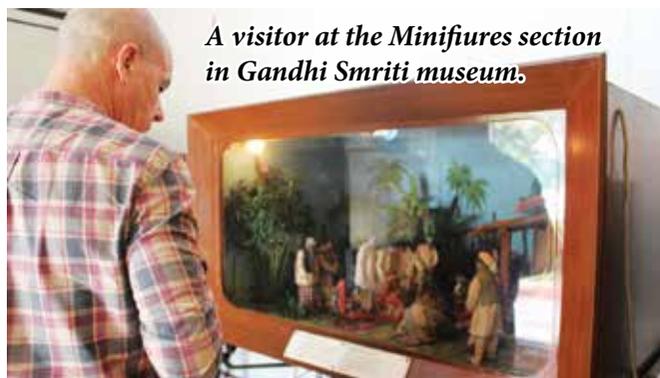
Pilgrimage and Martyrdom. Next to this is the second section, another room with special focus on the last 48 hours of his life, which culminates with his martyrdom. This section has also an auditorium with facilities to screen films on Mahatma Gandhi.

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'.



Mahatma Gandhi's room in Gandhi Smriti.

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.



A visitor at the Minifigures section in Gandhi Smriti museum.



Srijan, the Gandhi Smriti Entrepreneurial Centre in Gandhi Smriti.

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 Late 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.

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



Children in front of the World Peace Gong in Gandhi Smriti.

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.

From here the visitors are guided into the room where Babuji 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, a symbol of 'swaraj' 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 vocational courses in order to instill in them appreciation for self-help, confidence and bread-labour.



A child tries the Gandhi Harp in Gandhi Smriti Eternal Gandhi Multi-Media Museum.

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 Babu, 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



The boat used by Mahatma Gandhi during the historic Salt Satyagraha of 1930 is exhibited in Gandhi Darshan museum at Rajghat.

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:
 - Gandhiji's house at Porbandar in Gujarat
 - Sabarmati Ashram
 - Yervada Jail

The pavilion on **Freedom Struggle** comprises of beautiful clay models conceptualised and visualised by Late Sh. Anil Sengupta, on different aspects of the freedom movement.

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 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.

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.



A view of the Gandhi Darshan campus at Rajghat.

Infrastructural Facilities:

Facilities available at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat

- A library and documentation centre with over 15000 books by and on Gandhi, and related subjects.
- Comprehensive walk-in exhibition entitled 'My Life Is My Message'
- Conference, seminar and lecture halls with all facilities
- International Hostel for scholars-in-residence
- Permanent photographs and books related to Mahatma Gandhi.
- Dormitories with facilities to accommodate 100 persons)
- Publications Division: Apart from books, it publishes a Journal and a News Magazine
- Photo unit
- Camping facility for major national and international meets
- 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 Tridip Suhrud

Shri Narayan Bhai Bhattacharjee

Dr. Harsh Vardhan Kamrah

Ms. Neelima Vardhan

Shri Ranji Thomas

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

Shri Tridip Suhrud

Member Secretary

Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture,
Government of India

Director

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



Timeline of Programmes

(April 2016 – March 2017)

Programme	Date	Venue	Thrust Area
Workshop on Soft Sculptures for Srijan – Gandhi Smriti Educational Centre	April 1-13, 2016	Gandhi Smriti	For Srijan Staff to enhance their capacities.
Visit of Duke and Duchess of Cambridge	April 11, 2016	Gandhi Smriti	Visiting delegate
Visit of former French President Nicolas Sarkozy	April 13, 2016	Gandhi Smriti	Visiting delegate
Five days Gandhi Youth Camp	March 31 to April 4, 2016	Gudvella, Bolangir, Odisha	Discussion on role of youth in democracy, peaceful co-existence in society, health awareness and youth.
Earth Day Celebration	April 22, 2016	Kasturba Mahila Vidyapeeth, Sewapuri Varanasi	About 65 children took part in the Slogan Writing Competition on Earth Day Celebration.
One -day conclave for "Youth Constructive Workers on the essence of Champaran Satyagraha	April 10, 2016	Brajkishore Memorial Hall, Sadaquat Ashram, Patna	Around 400 youth took part in the conclave that aimed at motivating to take leadership initiatives in their respective areas on issues of social concern.
Seminar on "Good Governance: Policy and Implementation"	May 3, 2016	Gandhi Darshan	The purpose of the seminar was to raise awareness among the press and media about new policy initiatives and achievements of the Government of India.
Workshop on the Impact of the Policy of Liberalisation, Privatisation and Globalisation on Domestic Violence(Focus on the Migrant Families from Bihar to Delhi, Noida and Gurgaon)	May 12-13, 2016	Gandhi Darshan	The participants emphasised the need to curb domestic violence on women with reference to the rising levels of migration, the uprooting leading to discontent and eventually violence in different forms.
Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao reiterated at Janki Janmotsav Samaroh	May 15, 2016	Gandhi Darshan	The programme was organized in association with Vaidehi. About 400 people took part in the programme that deliberated upon the equal rights for women.
Understanding Gandhi – A discussion	May 25, 2016	Gandhi Darshan	Understanding Mahatma Gandhi as part of Taking Gandhi to School programme
Gandhi Summer School	May 18-27, 2016	Gandhi Darshan	About 60 children drawn from the slums of Burari Village took part in the ten-day Gandhi Summer School. Children were training in different disciplines.
Workshop on Children and Peace-Building	May 19-20, 2016	Gandhi Darshan	Understanding Mahatma Gandhi and his vision of constructive work and how peace-building initiatives could be taken up by children.
Orientation on Stress management	May 26, 2016	Gandhi Darshan	For GSDS staff, through interactive sessions an attempt was made towards analyzing their 'self'.
Two-day Youth Volunteerism for Constructive Work	May 30-31, 2016	Gandhi Darshan	To develop a plan of action to promote volunteerism amongst youth of the state on issues such as sanitation, environmental conservation and education. 90 youth from different areas of Delhi and NCR took part in the programme.

Swachh Bharat Week	May 28, 2016	Gandhi Darshan	Cleaning the entire campus of Gandhi Darshan in which the staff actively and enthusiastically participated.
Street Play on Sanitation	May 29, 2016	Slums of Burari village, Delhi	About 100 people from the area took part in the programme that was organised to generate awareness on the basics of health and sanitation and its importance for healthy living.
Gandhi Summer School at Kasturba Mahila Vidyapeeth Intermediate College	May 20-June 4, 2016	Sewapuri, Varanasi	25 children took part in the activities that included a theatre on Gandhiji's principles, highlighting the importance of <i>sanitation</i> and <i>beti bachao, beti padhao</i> . Also a radio docu drama was produced on <i>Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan</i> .
Workshop on Youth in Peace-Building	May 30-31, 2016	Urdu College, Gopalganj, Bihar	The programme aimed at motivating young people to use different media forms in Bihar to promote peace and non-violence in the region. About 100 people took part in the two day workshop.
15-day training programme on Charkha Spinning and Repairing conducted	May 24-June 8, 2016	Disha Gramin Vikas Manch Bhagalpur, Bihar	Through the programme explained the children on the nuances of Charkha spinning and the how it evolved during the freedom struggle under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi.
Visit of Mr. Tim Cook, Apple CEO	May 21, 2016	Gandhi Smriti	Visiting delegate
Creativity blooms at the 2nd Gandhi Summer School	June 1-10, 2016	Gandhi Darshan	Involving children in creative activities such as mime, music, dance, theatre, pottery making with clay, healthcare, gardening, etc, the trainers at the summer school brought out the hidden talents of the participants. About 75 children took part.
2nd International Day of Yoga celebrated	June 21, 2016	Gandhi Darshan	1500 plus people from different walks of life took part. The programme was organised in association with the Delhi Traffic Police Dept.
Dialogue on Swasth Balika, Swasth Samaj as part of International Day of Yoga	June 21, 2016	Gandhi Darshan	The programme highlighted issues related to the girl child and women per se. About 80 people from different streams of the society took part in the programme.
Free Health Camp organised	June 26, 2016	Bela Slum at Rajghat	Free medicines were distributed to the participants during the programme. Awareness on Naturopathy, Sanitation, and Basic Hygiene formed part of the programme. Around 350 participants comprising of men, women and children took part
Two-day workshop on Youth Volunteering for Constructive Work	June 2-4, 2016	Swami Vivekananda College Bundelkhand, Jhansi	About 100 participants took part in the workshop. The aim of the workshop was to develop capacity of students of the University to volunteer for constructive work, towards the larger objective of reaching social development, particularly in the rural areas.
Two-day Workshop on Youth in Peace Building	June 25-26, 2016	Manipur	To acquaint students on the values and ideals of Mahatma Gandhi and prepare them to contribute to peace initiatives, a workshop. About 120 participants took part in the workshop.
Youth Volunteers Workshop for Constructive Work and Social Leadership for the Adivasis	June 28-30, 2016	Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Shiksha Sansthan, Dhanbad, Jharkhand	The participants raised various issues of social concern from their community and attempted towards understanding different facets towards rendering their services to society through voluntary effort. About 110 people took part in the workshop.
Capacity building Programmes for Social Reform Organisations	July 15-16, 2016	Gandhi Darshan	The programme focussed on key issues related to management and finances. Around 60 participants took part in the programme.
Interaction Programme for Empowering Youth on Gandhian Philosophy and Contemporary Social Development Challenges	July 16, 2016	Gandhi Darshan	About 50 students from the North Eastern state of Meghalaya took part in the programme for exchanging ideas and experiences with their counterparts from other regions which may lead to deeper understanding, mutual learning and growth.

Doyen of Hindi Journalism, Shri Prabhash Joshi remembered	July 17, 2016	Gandhi Darshan	Over 400 people took part in the celebrations to mark the birth anniversary of the doyen of Hindi Journalism, Shri Prabhash Joshi.
Workshop on Youth Volunteerism for Constructive Work and Social Leadership	July 29-30, 2016	Gandhi Darshan	Questions pertaining to poverty and malnutrition, freedom struggle, controversies surrounding Mahatma Gandhi were raised by the participants. About 110 participants and their coordinators took part in the workshop.
Health Camp organised	July 31, 2016	Slums near Delhi Secretariat	Training in cleanliness, basic hygiene, etc were discussed during the awareness camp.
161st Birth Anniversary of Bal Gangadhar Tilak celebrated	June 31, 2016	Gandhi Darshan	Tributes to the political mentor of Mahatma Gandhi and understanding the dynamics of the leadership qualities of Tilak.
Workshop on Children and Peace-building	July 2-3, 2016	Arushi, Bhopal	Developing capacities amongst children of how to use different tools of communication, techniques of conflict resolution, negotiation and mediation for peace-building.
Three-day children's workshop on Nature-Human-Wildlife Mutual Co-existence	July 27-29, 2016	Chunar, Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh	Focus was laid on the universal concept of brotherhood and Mahatma Gandhi's vision of a mutual coexistence of nature-human-wildlife.
Essay competition on volunteerism and service towards society.	July 23, 2016	Kasturba Gandhi Intermediate College, Sewapuri, Varanasi	About 50 students took part in the competition.
Workshop of young volunteers for Gandhian Constructive Work and Social Entrepreneurship	July 30-31, 2016	IIT, BHU, Varanasi	Several individuals who are involved in social entrepreneurship were invited to share their experiences on how they are able to contribute to the society. About 100 participants took part in the workshop.
70th Independence Day celebrated	August 15, 2016	Gandhi Darshan	Celebration of the 70 th Independence Day by hoisting of Tri Colour by Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan and staff of the Samiti.
Celebration of 75 years of Quit India Movement	August 16, 2016	Gandhi Darshan	Message of Swasth Balika, Swasth Samaj was discussed through the programme. Over 150 participants took part.
Swasth Bharat Cycle Yatra flagged off from Gandhi Smriti	August 17, 2016	Gandhi Smriti	A symbolic journey to spread the message of <i>swasth balika, swasth samaj</i> to India Gate. About 300 participants took part in the programme. Inaugurated from Gandhi Smriti
Inter-School Vande Mataram Rolling Trophy Musical Competition organised	August 20, 2016	Gandhi Darshan	Over 200 students from 14 schools took part in the self written and self composed songs on <i>Beti Bachao Beti Padhao</i> .
Dialogue on Gandhian Philosophy: A Pathway to World Peace	August 20, 2016	Gandhi Darshan	Discussions on growing conflicts across the world and the evolving humanitarian crisis that could be tackled to mutual coexistence and unity amongst people were mooted at the dialogue.
National Consultative Meeting on Rural Development	August 22, 2016	Gandhi Darshan	The Gandhian concept of Gram Swaraj and the need to understand the issues of the poor for their development was discussed.
Workshop-cum-panel discussion on Prohibition	August 28, 2016	Gandhi Darshan	150 participants took part in the programme. Issues related to Prohibition and crimes and deaths due to alcohol and drug abuse, legalities, etc were addressed.
Workshop on Youth Volunteerism and Constructive work	August 8-10, 2016	Sindhugurg, Maharashtra	101 students took part in the two-day workshop to discuss and understand Gandhiji's vision of constructive work.
15 days residential training camp for youth on Naturopathy, Yoga and Community Health	August 18-31, 2016	Gandhi Mission Trust Daspur, West Bengal	Aim was to promote understanding of Gandhi's view on Naturopathy, Yoga and Community Health issues.

Gandhiji's Perspective: Village Development & Constructive Work	August 19-23, 2016	Nai Talim Ashram premises Sewagram Wardha	Gandhi's view of constructive work & village development was discussed to understand concept of nonviolent & sustainable society from the view point of Nai Talim. 52 youth participated in the youth camp from the rural areas.
Day-long Awareness Programme on ill-effects of Consumption of Alcohol	August 20, 2016	Kozhikode, Kerala	Awareness on ill-effects of Consumption of Alcohol. Around 600 people took part of the programme.
Tribute to all known-unknown freedom fighters of Ang Pradesh on the occasion of death anniversary of well-known fighter Shri Shubhakaran Churiwal	August 21, 2016	Tilka Manji Bhagalpur University Ang Pradesh, Bhagalpur, Bihar	Tribute to Freedom Fighter and Social Worker Shri Shubhakaran Churiwal and awareness programme on the unsung (s)heroes.
Workshop on Nature Human-Wildlife-Mutual Coexistence' organised	August 20-21, 2016	Pratapgarh Uttar Pradesh	Around 225 students from six schools in Pratapgarh participated in the programme and discussed how forest, lakes, rivers and animals complement men and are interlinked and that destruction of one of them would invite the downfall of the other.
Workshop Programme Nature, Human, Wildlife – Mutual coexistence'	August 27-28, 2016	Dev Sanskriti Vishvidyalaya (D.V.S.S), Haridwar	To inculcate consciousness among the youth about the increasing tirade against the environmental pollution and eco-imbances, Around 200 students from D.V.S.S. and adjoining areas participated in the workshop.
1st Global Youth Leaders Summit 2016	September 1-5, 2016	Gandhi Darshan and Aligarh Muslim University	The summit aimed to bring to life its aim of youth empowerment to strengthen their leadership skills and on Gandhian ideology on Education. Over 200 participants from India and abroad took part.
Free Eye Check-up Camp in Tihar Central Prisons	September 2, 2016	Tihar Central Prisons (8-9)	Awareness and orientation programme with Tihar Jail Inmates as part of ongoing programmes.
Eye donation awareness camp	September 8, 2016	Gandhi Darshan	Awareness for eye-donation. 12 people pledged to donate eyes.
Painting Competition on Mutual Co-existence between Nature, Human and Wild Life	September 8, 2016	Tihar Central Prisons (8-9)	Painting competition for Tihar Jail Inmates as part of giving a vent to their creativity.
Exploring Gandhi and Peace Building Workshop for Youth from Afghanistan	September 1-10, 2016	Gandhi Darshan	Understanding the life and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi through educational tour and interactions. Almost 30 participants from Afghanistan took part in the workshop.
Hindi Pakhwara (fortnight) celebrated	September 14-28, 2016	Gandhi Darshan and Gandhi Smriti	Promotion of Hindi Language by enhancing and encouraging the staff of the GSDS to partake in different competitions.
Tributes to the Uri Martyrs	September 21, 2016	Gandhi Darshan	Tributes to Uri Martyrs who fell victim of the terrorist attack.
Rehearsals for the Gandhi Jayanti Programme	September 14, 24, 26, 29, 2016	Gandhi Darshan and Gandhi Smriti	Musical tribute to the Father of the Nation on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti cum-orientation programme by the children and orientation of children towards understanding the life's message of Gandhiji. Almost 400 students took part.
Value Creation Camp	September 23 to October 3rd, 2016	Gandhi Darshan	Children and youth from Kargil, Uttar Pradesh and Assam took part in various creative activities for their holistic development. Almost 100 participants took part.

Sadbhavna Sammelan on the occasion of Harijan Divas	September 24, 2016	Gandhi Darshan	Educationists, social workers, philanthropists and other leaders from the Gandhian institutions took part in the programme.
Sanitation drive as part of the Swachhatta Pakhwara	September 2016	Gandhi Darshan and Gandhi Smriti	Swachhatta Pakhwara, the staff actively took part in the swachhatta drive.
Two day seminar on Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao	September 11-12, 2016	Gandhi Gyan Mandir, Madhepura, Bihar	182 participants took part in the seminar. Issues related to female literacy, female infanticide, dowry, etc focused at the programme.
Day-long Seminar on Relevance of Gandhian Literature in Today's Circumstances	September 18, 2016	Gandhi Hindustani Sahitya Sabha, Almorah, Uttarakhand	Relevance of Gandhian thought in Education was discussed with the enthusiastic participants.
Youth Training Programme for Nature-Human-Wildlife Mutual Co-existence	September 29-30, 2016	Vinoba Sewa Pratistan at Red Cross Bhawan Vinoba Seva Pratishthan	About 120 participants from different institutions and tribal population took part in the programme. Understanding Mutual Coexistence and its challenges.
Two-Day Workshop on 'Promotion of the Concept of Gandhian Constructive Work amongst youth	September 19-20, 2016	Khaskhamar, Dist. Howrah West Bengal	Promotion of the Concept of the Gandhian Constructive Work. Around 116 participants from different parts of West Bengal took part in the workshop.
Sanitation Drive at Kasturba Mahila Vidyapeeth Intermediate College as part of the Swachhatta Pakhwara.	September 2016	Kasturba Mahila Vidyapeeth Intermediate College, Sewapuri, Varanasi	Swachhata Pakhwara. Over 800 students took part at the Sanitation Drive.
Sanitation drive as part of the Swachhatta Pakhwara Rajkiya Buniyadi Vidyalaya, Brindavan,	September 20 to October 2, 2016	Rajkiya Buniyadi Vidyalaya, Brindavan, West Champaran, Bihar	Campaign to raise awareness on the importance of sanitation. The entire school took part in the cleanliness drive.
Sanitation drive as part of the Swachhatta Pakhwara Rajkiya Buniyadi Vidyalaya, Sirasia Adda,	September 2016	Rajkiya Buniyadi Vidyalaya, Sirasia Adda West Champaran, Bihar	Swachhata Pakhwara, Over 500 students took part at the Sanitation Drive.
Rehearsals for Gandhi Jayanti Programme	October 1, 2016	Gandhi Smriti	Commemorative programme to mark the 147th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. Almost 400 students from Delhi, NCR and other took part.
Tributes to Mahatma Gandhi on his 147th Birth Anniversary	October 2, 2016	Gandhi Smriti	All-religious prayer meeting and musical tribute to the Mahatma in Gandhi Smriti was organised.
Gandhi Jayanti National Seminar 2016 on Re-Imagining Gandhi: Issues and Challenges of Terrorism	October 3, 2016	Zakir Hussain College, Delhi	Over 300 students from different colleges took part in the national seminar.
Workshop on Student Volunteer for Constructive Work	October 5-6, 2016	Gandhi Study Circle Kalindi College, University Of Delhi	To explore the potential of the youth of the nation to extend voluntary cooperation in terms of knowledge-sharing and time-sharing for voluntary work.
Workshop on Youth Volunteer for Constructive Work	October 5-7, 2016	Janki Devi Memorial College, University of Delhi	Discussion on women empowerment and how they can volunteer for constructive work.
Interaction with Young Gandhians from Gandhi Peace Foundation on Understanding Gandhi	October 14, 2016	Gandhi Darshan	It was an interaction with young Gandhians from Gandhi Peace Foundation on "Understanding Gandhi".

<i>Reliving the Memory of Buddha through Gandhi</i> : Shantum Seth	October 15, 2016	Gandhi Smriti	Take the message of Buddha and Gandhi across the globe. A 100 member delegation – mostly international Buddhist practitioners – from different parts of the world such as America, Europe, Japan, Norway took part.
Prize Distribution Ceremony in Tihar	October 18, 2016	Tihar Central Prisons (8-9)	Prizes for the painting competition were organised.
Putul Rang – Gandhi Sangh Putul Utsav organised	October 25-26, 2016	Gandhi Darshan	Puppet shown presentation entitled Satya Ahimsa Parmodharma was organised to creatively orient the children on Mahatma Gandhi.
Interactions with visitors from Gandhi Peace Mission, Kerala	October 26, 2016	Gandhi Darshan	Interactive programme on “Understanding Gandhi” was organised.
Discussion with Judicial Officers on Mahatma Gandhi and Social Justice	October 28, 2016	Gandhi Darshan	Reflections of Mahatma Gandhi as a social thinker, an educationist, a seeker of truth were discussed during the interaction. Over 40 participants took part.
Vigilance Week observed	October 31- November 5, 2016	Gandhi Darshan	Director GSDS administered the pledge to the staff members and hoped that they carry on their work with sincerity. He further reiterated the necessity of maintaining transparency in the offices and alertness in daily working life.
Observance of “Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Pledge (National Unit Day)	October 31 2016	Gandhi Darshan	Birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was celebrated.
Programmes as part of Gandhi Jayanti celebrations	October 12, 2016	Gandhi Smarak Nidhi, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	Almost 1500 children from 36 schools of the district took part.
<i>39th Conference on 39th Indian Society of Gandhian Studies on the theme - Gandhian Concept of Development</i>	October 21-23, 2016	MPC Autonomous College, Takhatpur, Baripada, Mayurbhanj, Odhisha	The conference sought to explore the importance of Gandhian principles to a powerful and prosperous nation. 200 delegates from different all India colleges, universities and research institutions participated.
Gram Sabha in Rashtriya Buniyadi Vidyalaya, Sirasia.	October 21-23, 2016	Rashtriya Buniyadi Vidyalaya, Sirasia, West Champaran.	An interaction with the members of Gram Sabha.
Meeting at 1st Rajkiya Buniyadi Vidyalaya, Champaran	October 22, 2016	Rajkiya Buniyadi Vidyalaya, Champaran	An interaction with the children of Kasturba Balika Residential School, Brindaban was organised.
Two day programme of young volunteers and presentation on current economic conditions and Mahatma Gandhi’s economic perspective	November 4-5, 2016	Gandhi Darshan	A discussion on Gandhiji’s Gram Swaraj and the rural economy today was organised. About 150 participants took part in the programme.
Seminar on <i>Mahatma Gandhi’s though on Education and Culture.</i>	November 6, 2016	Gandhi Darshan	Discussions on Gandhi’s education principles included equity, social justice, non-violence, human dignity, economic well being, and cultural self-respect was taken up. About 150 participants took part in this seminar.
Two days orientation programme of volunteers	November 4-5, 2016	Gandhi Darshan	The thrust of the orientation was how the students of the colleges could volunteer in the community.
Workshop on Mutual Coexistence between nature-human-flora and fauna in Rudraprayag	November 7-8, 2016	Rajkiya Intermediate College, Mansoona, Rudraprayag, Uttarakhand	A campaign on swachhta and importance of mutual coexistence in the entire village and how children could take the lead in promoting this concept. 150 participants took part.
Two day seminar on impact of 25 years of Globalization on Indian Rural Economy	November 10- 11, 2016	Gandhi Darshan	The importance of introducing and practicing organic farming in all parts of the country and promote sustainable agriculture was taken up. More than 100 participants from different parts of the country including farmers took part.

Awareness programme on pollution in Delhi	November 13, 2016	Delhi	The aim was to create awareness on the concerns of pollution in Delhi.
Condolence meeting of senior Gandhian, Shri Arya Bushan Bharadwaj	November 11, 2016	Gandhi Darshan	Tributes to senior Gandhian, Shri Arya Bushan Bharadwaj was held.
Seminar on Mahatma Gandhi in the Present Context	November 10-11, 2016	Hans Raj College, Delhi University	Discussions on Gandhian philosophy like education, health, economics and rural development were taken up. More than 150 research scholars also took part in the seminar.
4-days Training Programme on Nature-Human-Wildlife Mutual Coexistence	November 15-18, 2016	Town Panchayat, Naganur, Karnataka	Gandhian concept of co- existence of nature – human – flora & fauna for a culture of peace and non-violence were taken up. About 150 children and members of the corporators of Naganur took part.
National Youth Orientation Camp for Constructive Work	November 19-21, 2016	Gandhi Darshan	Issues related to the participating youth in the process of nation building and constructive work became part of the orientation. About 220 participants took part in this programme.
Round Table on Interpretations of Nationalism	November 25-26, 2016	Gandhi Darshan	About 40 senior academicians and thinkers from different streams took part in the deliberations towards understanding the philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi and the dynamics of truth and nonviolence.
Seminar on Bharatiya Vision of Rural India organised	December 3, 2016	Gandhi Darshan	Bharatiya Vision of Rural India through the eyes of Mahatma Gandhi, Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya, J. C Kumarappa and Nanaji Deshmukh, were taken up which was attended by over 120 participants.
Discussion on "My Parliament" – a forum for innovative ideas	December 16-18, 2016	Gandhi Darshan	It aimed to instill in them, an understanding of the public policy and procedures of governance. 100 participants took part from across the nation.
Tribute to Shri Anupam Mishra	December 19, 2016	Gandhi Darshan	Noted Gandhian and environmentalist, Shri Anupam Mishra was remembered.
Three-days seminar on "Young Academicians Meet on Swadeshi-Making India Self Reliant"	December 23-25, 2016	Gandhi Darshan	Discussion on Gandhiji's idea of Swadeshi in present context. About 150 participants took part
Two- day Workshop on follow-up programme on Voluntarism and Youth Leadership Development	December 5-6, 2016	DHANBAD, JHARKHAND	To increase the capacity and leadership quality of youth and influence them by the thought and value of Mahatma Gandhi, so that that they can contribute their services to the society.
Dr. Rajendra Prasad Memorial Lecture as part of centenary of Champaran Satyagraha	December 9, 2016	Maharani Janki Kunwar Maha Vidhyalaya, Champaran, Bihar	To orient the participants of the first historic non-violent satyagraha of Mahatma Gandhi in the Indian soil of Champaran Bihar and also discuss how his close associate Babu Rajendra Prasad played a pivotal role in this movement.
Two days camp on Peace-Building for Children	December 5-6, 2016	Nandurbar, Maharashtra	Celebrations to mark the 131st birth anniversary of Acharya Kaka Sahab Kalelkar. A grand rally which was organized as part of the awareness campaign on Beti Bachao Beti Padhao and Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan helped in raising awareness.
Two days workshop on Beti Bachao Beti Padhao	December 14-15, 2016	Kothibagh Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir	To sensitize the different stakeholders to the broad features of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Scheme. About 200 participants took part.
Two days orientation programme on Peace and Non-violence organized	December 14-15, 2016	Kathua, Jammu and Kashmir	Orientation on Gandhian thoughts like non-violence, truth, employment, imagination, Non-Cooperation Movement, Champaran Satyagraha and the simplicity of Gandhiji were taken up.
An extravaganza display of culture and tradition and volunteerism at Rashtriya Sanskriti Mohatsav	December 15-23, 2016	BHU Varanasi	Celebrations of Rashtriya Sanskriti Mohatsav and discussions with students from schools, colleges communities were taken up through various programmes the GSDS organised.
Seminar on role of Women in Panchayati Raj System	December 30, 2016	Raipur, Chattisgarh	Discussion on women empowerment and role on women in the Panchayats were taken up. About 500 women from the villages from the panchayats took part in the programme.

Gandhi Youth Camp organised	December 15-17, 2017	Pune, Maharashtra	Issues on poverty, disparities, pollution, violence, communal tensions were addressed. 150 youth participants from Rajasthan, Gujarat and Maharashtra participated in the camp.
Gandhian Economics – A Path towards Sustainable Development	January 3, 2017	Gandhi Darshan	Discussion on the relevance of the Gandhian economics and the philosophy of the Gandhian economist, Dr. J C Kumarappa were addressed as part of the 125th Birth Anniversary of J C Kumarappa.
Interaction on 125th Birth Anniversary of J C Kumarappa organised	January 5-6, 2017	Gandhi Darshan	An interaction on 125th Birth Anniversary of the Gandhian economist Dr. J C Kumarappa with The delegation from Cardinal Stritch University took part.
Tribute to Gandhian Environmentalist Late Shri Anupam Mishra	January 7, 2017	Gandhi Peace Foundation	Tributes in the form of discussion on environment, music of Saint Kabir, were organised as a mark of remembrance.
Dialogue on "Mahatma Gandhi – The Journalist" organised	January 10-11, 2017	Gandhi Darshan	Discussion on Mahatma Gandhi's journalism where there was a natural synthesis of purity of purpose and truthfulness of action was taken up. Over 200 students from different institutions of Journalism and Mass Communication took part.
Swami Vivekananda and Mahatma Gandhi's idea of Antodaya – A Dialogue	January 12, 2017	Gandhi Darshan	Discussion on the 154th birth anniversary of the visionary saint, Swami Vivekananda and his role in nation building were addressed.
Revisiting the Life and Times of Mahatma Gandhi: A Dialogue with Smt Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee	January 19, 2017	Gandhi Smriti	A dialogue on Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy and Women Empowerment with the women ambassadors, High Commissioners was organised. About 50 people took part in the dialogue.
Interaction on "Understanding Gandhi – the Concept of Servant Leadership"	January 19, 2017	Gandhi Darshan	An interactive session with the students of University of Delhi on "Understanding Gandhi – The Concept of Servant Leadership"
The Netaji and the Mahatma: Trajectories of Nationalism and Blueprints of India – A Dialogue	January 23, 2017	Gandhi Smriti	Remembering Netaji on the occasion of his 120th birth anniversary as a brave soldier of the Nation, and his contribution towards nation building.
Musical Rehearsals for January 30th Martyrdom Day programme	January 17, 20, 24, 27, 28, 29, 2017	Gandhi Darshan and Gandhi Smriti	Musical tribute to Mahatma Gandhi as part of the 69th Martyrdom Day of the Father of the Nation. Almost 500 children drawn from 15 different institutions of Delhi and NCR as well as children from three different states – Shillong, Meghalaya, Rajasthan and Jharkhand took part.
Value Creation Camp for children organised	January 23 – February 1, 2017	Gandhi Darshan	Promotion of Gandhian Values including the values of honesty, dedication, team work, collective life, physical labour, sanitation, etc were addressed.
69th Martyrdom Day of Mahatma Gandhi observed	January 30, 2017	Gandhi Smriti	All religious prayer meet and musical tribute to Gandhiji that was attended by over 2000 people from different walks of life. The Hon'ble Vice President of India, the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, other Cabinet Ministers, members from the diplomatic corps paid their rich tributes.
Essay and Painting Competitions organised in Central Prisons Tihar	January 30, 2017	Tihar Central Prisons (8-9)	Painting competition for Tihar Jail Inmates to give a vent to the creativity to the inmates and reaching out to them.
Invoking Quit India Movement for making Girls Free of Diseases	January 30, 2017	Gandhi Smriti	Interacting with adolescent girls with an aim to make them aware of health related issues.
Workshop on Gandhian Concept of Rural Industrialisation and Village Economy	January 4-6, 2017	Wardha, Maharashtra	Discussions as part of the 125th Birth Anniversary of J C Kumarappa was organised.
Orientation and Training of Youth in Gandhian Philosophy of Service to the Nation	January 4-5, 2017	Tamil Nadu Sarvodaya Mandal, Madurai	Programmes was organised as a tribute to the 125th Birth Anniversary of Dr. J C Kumarappa.

Skill Development Workshop for Children from Marginalised Society	January 20, 2017	Banka, Bihar	Children from the marginalized sections of the society took part in the workshop.
Seminar on the "Role of Cultural Activities in Bringing Peace to the States and Development of North East"	January 29-30, 2017	Sanskar Bharati Poorvottar Guwahati, Assam	Discussions on Art and Culture and Gandhiji's point of view with special reference to the artists of the North East were taken up. 52 renowned artists and Kalagurus took part in the discussion.
Panel Discussion on Revisiting Gandhi and Poster and Slogan Competition	January 30, 2017	Daulat Ram College, D.U.	Discussions and Competitions were focussed on political, historical, economic and social perspectives of Gandhi.
Seminar on Leprosy on the Occasion of World Leprosy Day	January 30, 2017	Silchar, Assam	Orientation programme on prevention of spread of leprosy and related social stigma was organised.
Launch of Gandhi Smriti You Tube Channel	February 2017	Gandhi Darshan	GSDS Srijan channel on Youtube launched with programs/initiatives of GSDS for mass awareness and reach out.
Two-day Skill Building Workshop-cum-training programme for youth for creating employment opportunities	February 15-16, 2017	Gandhi Darshan	Creating entrepreneurship and employment opportunities in 29 subjects of Panchayati Raj.
4th Delhi University Policy Summit on Taking Cognizance of Criminalisation of Politics and Prospects of Simultaneous Election organised	February 3-4, 2017	Gandhi Darshan	Interaction with the youth on issues related to strengthening of democracy that was attended by over 100 participants.
The Heartbeat – Drama therapy for Special Children organised.	February 22 to March 2, 2017	LTG auditorium, Delhi	Drama Therapy for Special Children. About 200 children took part in the workshop. Promoting inclusiveness was an important part of the workshop.
Street Play on Social Issues on "Beti Bachai and Beti Padhao" and Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan	February 22, 2017	Trilokpuri, Delhi	Raise awareness through Street Play on Social Issues. The programme was organised in association with Udit Asha Welfare Society.
Seminar on Women Empowerment	February 22, 2017	Acharya Kaka Saheb Kalelkar Lokseva Kendra, Gaushala, Boondi, Rajasthan	Discussion on women empowerment took part and various issues were raised.
Capacity Building Programme for Women	February 22, 2017	Jamshedpur Women's College at Jamshedpur	A tribute to Ba on her 73rd Nirvan Divas. Issues related to women empowerment, education, child and female mortality were addressed.
Workshop-cum-Lecture Demonstration for Students and Youth for Constructive Work	February 21-22, 2017	Jharkhand Bokaro Steel City	Programme was organised as part of paying tribute to Kasturba Gandhi on her 73rd Nirvan Divas and discussion on role of youth in the community was taken up.
Mahila Sammelan for Women Empowerment	February 22-23, 2017	Lamahatta, Darjeeling, Kalimpong, West Bengal	Issues of women empowerment in the region. About 150 participants from different blocks of Darjeeling took part in the two-day programme.
Sheroes of India's Freedom Struggle	February 22, 2017	Government College for Women, Parade Ground, Jammu (J&K)	A tribute to Kasturba Gandhi on her 73rd Nirvan Divas and a discussion on role of women freedom fighters in the freedom struggle of India was organised
Campaign to promote Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao	February 22-March 1, 2017	Nari Manch in Mahasamund, Chattisgarh	A campaign to promote Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao and a discussion on the issues related to girl children and women.

Programme on Women Empowerment	February 22, 2017	B.S.F. Sr. Secondary School, Shillong.	Discussion on women empowerment and girl child was organised as a tribute to Kasturba Gandhi
Campaign on Women Empowerment launched	February 22, 2017	Ten districts of Odisha	Empower women community for their holistic development and a benefit role for social change are being addressed.
Kasturba Gandhi remembered on her 73rd Nirvan Divas	February 22, 2017	Rajkiya Buniyadi Vidyalaya, Bettiah Brindavan, West Champaran	Tributes to Ba (Kasturba Gandhi) on her 73rd Nirvan Divas were organised through cultural programmes.
Workshop on Attracting & Retaining Youth in Agriculture	February 1, 2017	Vivekananda Hall, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh	The aim was to highlight the concerns and issues of the farmers of the area.
Orientation Programme of Hon'ble MLAs of Arunachal Pradesh Assembly	February 2-3, 2017	Arunachal Pradesh Assembly	Discussion on importance of Panchayati Raj and good governance
Discourse on Gandhian Constructive Work 'Adivasi': Sustainable Villages	February 9, 2017	Nonipara village of West Garo Hills, Meghalaya	A discussion on village development through Gandhian concept of Gramswaraj was taken up. More than 400 people of seven villages of that area participated.
Two day workshop on Mutual Co-existence between Nature-Human and Wildlife	February 7-8, 2017	Garudachal Vidyapeeth of Belbari, South West Garo Hills, Meghalaya	A campaign on swachhta and importance of mutual coexistence in the entire village and how children could take the lead in promoting this concept was taken up. About 100 students took part in the workshop.
Janjati Kala Sanskriti Sangam	February 13, 14, 15, 2017	Haflong Assam	Almost 600 participants took part in this Kala Sanskriti Sangam and discussion on how youth can play important role towards developing their community by giving their voluntary services to their society was taken up.
Orientation programme on Capacity Building and Youth	February 4-5, 2017	Kasturba Ashram, Sarania, Guwahati, Assam	Importance of empowering the youth force of the country to achieve the dream of India becoming a Superpower in the near future.
Workshop on Mutual Coexistence for the Children of Chapori	February 5-6, 2017	Surovi Environment Trust, Chapori.	Importance of mutual coexistence in the entire village and how children could take the lead in promoting this concept.
Gramoday Mela	February 24-27, 2017	Chitrakoot, Madhya Pradesh	To spread Gandhiana amongst the youth.
A craft training camp for girl students at Kasturba Mahila Vidyapeeth Intermediate College, Varanasi	February 28, 2017	Kasturba Mahila Vidyapeeth Intermediate College, Varanasi	The training focused on skill development through practical training.
Sports Day Celebrated	February 23, 2017	Rashtriya Buniyadi Vidyalaya, Sirasia Adda, CHAMPARAN	Promote creative expressions of children
10-day Naturopathy and Yoga workshop organized	March 1-10, 2017	Gandhi Darshan	An awareness programme on 'Prakritik Chikitsa' or naturopathy treatment.
Campaign to promote Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao & Swacha Bharat Abhiyaan street plays concludes	March 8, 2016	Different public areas in Delhi	Raise awareness through Street Play on Social Issues.
Inter-faith Peace Prayer organised	March 8, 2017	Gandhi Smriti	Inter-faith Peace Prayer to commemorate the International Women's Day and observed the day as "Women's Day for Peace and Justice".

Seminar on "Challenges and Opportunities before Women"	March 8, 2017	India Islamic Culture Centre, Delhi	Discussions on issues of women empowerment. 400 youth participants from different colleges of University of Delhi took part.
Sarva Dharma Prarthana for the Hon'ble Judges of the High Court of Delhi	March 11, 2017	Akbar Road, Delhi	All-religious prayer meeting on the eve of the 87th anniversary of the historic Dandi March.
Panel Discussion on Save Ganga, Save Yamuna organized	March 12, 2017	Gandhi Darshan	The discussion focussed on ecological/environmental issues including the reservation/cleaning of the rivers Ganga and Yamuna.
Gandhi Quiz organized	March 16-20, 2017	Gandhi Darshan	To popularise the life's message of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi amongst school children and youth. 250 children and youth took part.
Workshop on "Wildlife and Biodiversity Conservation – People, Planet and their interplay for Youth	March 16-17, 2017	Mahila Haat, Delhi	Generating awareness among youth about the role of communities in regeneration of environment, particularly in forestation and generate awareness about the principles of mutual co-existence were taken up during the workshop.
National Seminar on "Beliefs of Mahatma Gandhi for Vibrant Youth – The hope of India"	March 21, 2017	Amity Institute of Education, Delhi	Discussions on the need for understanding Gandhi and his philosophies and role of young prospective teachers took place.
An extravaganza of Artisans and Literature at Karigar Haat and Gandhi Literature Festival	March 21-25, 2017	Gandhi Darshan	In an endeavour to promote literature on and by Mahatma Gandhi and subjects on peace and non-violence and a Karigar Haat, an endeavour to promote rural technology and artisans was organised.
National Seminar on Dynamics of Indian Culture: Past, Present and Future with special emphasis on Baa and Babu	March 27, 2017	Department of History, Janki Devi Memorial College, University of Delhi	Issue of cultural pollution and the need to nurture ethics and values were discussed.
Seminar on Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao	March 1, 2017	Mahasamund, Chattisgarh	Issues related to girl children and women empowerment were discussed.
Workshop on Women Empowerment in Contemporary Society in the context of Tripura	March 8, 2017	Agartala, Tripura	Discussions on legal rights, skill development programmes and other issues concerning the empowerment of women featured.
Seminar on Role of Women in Freedom Movement	March 8-9, 2017	West Bengal	Discussion on the role of women in freedom movement took place.
Kasturba Gandhi Mahila Maha Panchayat on "Women Safety and Migration" organised	March 8, 2017	Vikas Bharti Bishunpur, Jharkhand	To capacitate women to fight against domestic violence, mental and physical exploitation, trafficking and child labour. About 500 women from different sectors took part.
Two-day symposium on Adivasi Art and Culture for Promotion of Tribal Art and Culture in Santhal Pargana region in Pakur Jharkhand	March 23-24, 2017	Pakur District of Jharkhand	Raise issues of Tribal rights and their culture through the programme were taken up. Over 500 tribal and rural youths took part in the programme.
Seminar on Women Empowerment their present status and future	March 8-9, 2017	Madhepura Bihar	Women came to share their thoughts on several issues related to women.
Orientation Programme of Police Officers of Assam Police on "Nonviolent Conflict Resolution and Nonviolent Communication	March 16-19, 2017	Golaghat, Assam	To develop a framework of facilitating emotional bridge building between the police and public. 42 officers of the Assam Police in the rank of Deputy Superintendent (probationary) took part in the programme.
Adivasi Sanskriti Sangam organised	March 16-19, 2017	Telangana, Hyderabad	Raise issues of Tribal rights and their culture through the programme. Over 500 tribal and rural youths took part in the programme. About 168 participants, covering 32 villages of three districts – that included 108 men and 60 women took part.

International Women's Day Celebrated in Kukshi Dhar District	March 8, 2017	Mohankheda district, Dhar – Malwa, Madhya Pradesh	Women empowerment programme by offering rich tributes to Kasturba Gandhi as part of International Women's Day Celebrations.
Training programme on Babu's Conception of Gram Swaraj through Skill India Programme	March 25-26, 2017	Chattarpur, Bundelkhand, Madhya Pradesh	To enhance the creativity of rural youth and women by creating a platform to showcase their skills. Almost 500 participants took part in the programme.
Women Entrepreneurship Programme for Village Lahchora launched	March 2017	Uttar Pradesh	Training women and youth on 21st century entrepreneurship and employability skills.
Four seminars on Gandhi and Women Empowerment organised	March 18, 21, 28 & 29, 2017	Different colleges and institutions in Ranchi, Jharkhand	Issues relating to women and their rights. Issues such as trafficking of women, redressal mechanisms, martial arts for self defence, etc featured during the discussion.
Seminar on Prospects of Processing Agriculture and Forest Product for Enterprises Development and Women Empowerment	March 8, 2017	Wardha, Maharashtra	Programmes as part of 125th Birth Anniversary of Dr. J C Kumarappa.
Workshop on Empowerment of the Rural Women of Maharashtra organized	March 25-26, 2017	Magan Sangrahalay Samiti (MSS), Wardha, Maharashtra	The programme was organised as a tribute to Kasturba Gandhi on her 73rd Nirvan Divas
Workshop on Role of Youth Volunteers in Constructive Work	March 22-23, 2017	Jamui, Bihar	The workshop focussed on how youth could be empowered through Gandhian methods. 122 youth from 15 Panchayats of four blocks in Jamui participated.
Exhibition in Sarva Seva Sangh as part of Champaran Satyagraha: 100 Years	March 23-25, 2017	Sarva Seva Sangh, Motihari, Champaran, Bihar	The aim was to highlight the contributions of Mahatma Gandhi in Champaran Satyagraha.
Seminar on Women Empowerment and Role of Tribal Women in Safeguarding the Adivasi Culture	March 28, 2017	Tharu Region, Santhal Pargana	The programme raised issues of Adivasis migration, land rights, education, sanitation and their culture through the programme. About 524 participants took part.
Symposium on "Constructive Programmes of Mahatma Gandhi"	March 29, 2017	Santpur Village in Tharhut district, Champaran Bihar	Discussions on the relevance of Mahatma Gandhi and the Champaran Satyagraha in the present context was taken up.
Symposium on 100 Years of Champaran Satyagraha on "Constructive Programme of Gandhi"	March 30, 2017	Bihar Institute of Economic Studies (BIES), Patna, Bihar	Programme as part of the centenary celebrations of the historic Champaran Satyagraha.

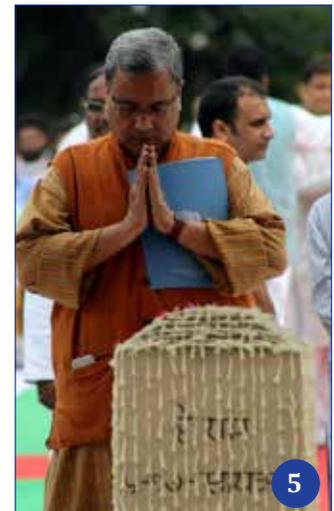




Tributes to Mahatma Gandhi

Mahatma remembered on International Day of Non-Violence (Gandhi Jayanti)

The Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi led the Nation in paying rich tributes to the Father of the Nation in Gandhi Smriti on the occasion of the 147th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi in Gandhi Smriti as part of the Gandhi Jayanti celebrations. Hon'ble Minister of Culture, Dr. Mahesh Sharma, who is also the VC GSDS was present on the occasion. People from different segments of the society gathered to offer their tributes to Gandhiji.



1. Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi offers rich tributes at the Martyrs Column in Gandhi Smriti, as Hon'ble Minister of Culture, Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Secretary Ministry of Culture, Shri N K Sinha and Director GSDS Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan looks on.
2. Religious leaders at the inter-religious prayer meet.
3. Spinners led by Shri Miri Lal (C) at the prayer meet.
4. Dr. Mahesh Sharma offers his tributes to Gandhiji.
5. Representative from the UNIC office, Shri Rajiv Chandran stands in reverence before the Martyrs Column.



Participating children from different school from Delhi and NCR and other states are seen offering their musical tribute to Gandhiji.

The commemorative programme began with the musical tribute by over 400 children drawn from different schools in Delhi and NCR including children from four different states such as Kargil, Jammu and Kashmir; Haflong, Assam; Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh and Chunar, Uttar Pradesh. Dressed in their traditional attires,



Enthusiastic children are seen receiving autographs of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in Gandhi Smriti.

children from Kargil also presented a local Balti song on national integration. The musical tribute was coordinated by Shri Sudhanshu Bahuguna of *Swar Trishna*. Shri Akshat Mishra of East Point School, assisted on the Khartal. Over 60 children from Harijan Sevak spun on the charkha during the programme.



Religious leaders from different faiths joined in the inter-faith prayer meet on the occasion by reading hymns from different religious scriptures.

The Bhakti Sangeet was rendered by renowned classical singer, Smt. Kaushiki Chakraborty. Songs of Kabir, Rabindranath Tagore, Tulsidas resonated in the lawns of Gandhi Smriti during the evening prayer meet.

Bhakti Sangeet artist, Smt. Kaushiki Chakraborty with Shri Parthasarathi Desikan, and child Rishit offer their tribute to the Mahatma on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti in Gandhi Smriti.



Young spinners from Harijan Sevak Sangh and people from different segments of the society had assembled at the commemorative programme in Gandhi Smriti.

69th Martyrdom Day of Mahatma Gandhi observed

Hon'ble Dr. Mohd. Hamid Ansari, Vice President of India and Hon'ble Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India led the nation into paying rich tributes to Mahatma Gandhi on the occasion of the 69th anniversary of his martyrdom in an evening inter-faith prayer meet which was held in Gandhi Smriti, the site of the Martyrdom of the Father of the Nation. Minister of Culture and hon'ble VC GSDS, Dr. Mahesh Sharma, hon'ble Dr. Harshvardhan, Minister of Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, former chief minister of Delhi, Smt. Sheila Dikshit and a host of other delegates were also present on the occasion. Smt. Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee, former Vice-Chairperson GSDS and granddaughter of Mahatma Gandhi also offered her tributes. Also present were: the Secretary Ministry of Culture, Shri Narendra Kr. Sinha, Shri Sarvesh Kumar Arya, Director, Ministry of Culture, Director MOC, Ms. Bandana Sharma; members from the Diplomatic Corps and people from different walks of life.



Over 500 children drawn from 14 different institutions of Delhi and NCR as well as children from three different states – Shillong, Meghalaya, Gumla, Jharkhand; and Jodhpur, Rajasthan also took part in the programme. The children represented: *The BSF Sr. Sec School; Vikas Bharti Bishunpur; Jal Bhagirathi Foundation, Bhaurao Devras Saraswati Vidya Mandir; Bapa Ashram*



1. Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi offers rich tributes at the Martyrs Column in Gandhi Smriti as hon'ble Minister of Culture, Dr. Mahesh Sharma joins the hon'ble PM.

2. IN REVERENCE: The hon'ble Vice President, Dr. Mohd. Hamid Ansari, hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, hon'ble Minister of Culture, Dr. Mahesh Sharma, members from the cabinet, former Governors, former chief ministers and people from different segments of the society gather in Gandhi Smriti to pay rich tributes to Gandhiji.

3. Bhakti Sangeet Artist, Padmashri Dr. Anuradha Paudwal exchange greetings with the hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi.





Sh. Sudhanshu Bahuguna (R) conducts the musical tribute by the children, along with Sh. Hiroshi Miyamoto (extreme L) from Japan, as the religious leaders from different religious faith join the commemorative programme.

Residential Primary School; Govt. Girls Sr. Sec School; Aster Public School; Rashtriya Virjnanda Andh Kanya Vidyalaya; GP Public School; Modern Public School; MZone Welfare Society; Hansraj Smarak Sr. Sec School; Ustad Ashique Ali Khan and Music Charitable Trust and Sun Valley International School. The children's musical tribute was coordinated by Shri Sudhanshu Bahuguna of *Swar Trishna*. Shri Hiroshi Miyamoto from Japan assisted Shri Bahuguna on the Zen Raga (*Swarmandalam*).

Representatives from different religions assembled on the occasion at the inter-faith prayer meet as a tribute to Bapuji. Renowned singer, Dr. Anuradha Paudwal rendered the Bhakti Sangeet. Children along with senior weaver Shri Mirilal and Gandhians spun on the charkha during the programme.

The commemorative programme concluded with a silent tribute to Mahatma Gandhi.



CHERISHED MOMENTS: Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi shares greetings with the participating children from Delhi, NCR and far flung states on the occasion.



Significant Initiatives

An extravaganza display of culture and tradition and volunteerism at Rashtriya Sanskriti Mohatsav

The eight-day cultural and socio-educational extravaganza at the *Rashtriya Sanskriti Mohatsav* (RSM) organised at the Banaras Hindu University (BHU) from December 15-23, 2016 organised by the Ministry of Culture in association with the BHU was inaugurated by the Minister of State for Tourism and Culture (Independent Charge) Dr. Mahesh Sharma on 17 December 2016.

Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi visited the Mohatsav on December

22, 2016 and laid the foundation stone of *Mahamana Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya Cancer Centre* to be built in Sunderbagia within the BHU premises and a Centenary Super Specialty Complex to be based on Public Private Partnership model in BHU.

While addressing the gathering the Prime Minister said, "Art and Culture have a paramount place in our society. In the absence of Culture, people will be no less than robots". He also emphasized that technological advancements are keeping the people away from the rich culture of India.



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1. Shri Basant, former Advisor to GSDS lighting the ceremonial lamp at the Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav in Varanasi along with other dignitaries. GSDS Administrative Officer Shri S A Jamal (extreme left) and Dr. Manju Aggarwal, Resource Person of Srijan GSDS (extreme right corner) looks on.

2. Prof. P K Mishra is being felicitated by Smt. Geeta Shukla (Research Officer GSDS) and Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, (Programme Officer GSDS).

3. Prof. P K Mishra is seen conducting a workshop at the Mohatsav, as participants keenly listen.



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Other eminent guests were Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Culture and Tourism, Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Smt. Anupriya Patel, Minister of State for Human Resource Development Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey, UP Khadi and Village Industries Minister, Shri Brahma Shanker Tripathi and Vice Chancellor of BHU Prof Girish Chandra Tripathi.



(From Top to Bottom): Activities during the Rashtriya Sanskriti Mohatsav (RSM) included the address by senior resource persons from varied fields. Seen in the pix is the Director GSDS, Sh. Dipanker Shri Gyan is seen felicitating the distinguished guests.

Interactive sessions with the children was another highlight of the RSM, where voices of the children were heard.

Street plays on Sanitation ('Swachhata') and Child Rights by Indu Art Theatre and Film Society was another attraction.

Over 500 youth and children from different organisations working with Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti to carry out its endeavours took part in the different academic sessions and workshops and youth participation for volunteerism for constructive work. The Samiti also organised a National Young Women's Conclave for Constructive Work as part of the RSM which saw an overwhelming participation.

1001st show of the famous Hindi Play 'Chanakya', directed by and also starring the renowned film and television actor, Mr Manoj Joshi was staged in the Swatantrata Auditorium of BHU Campus as a part of the Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav. Thumri singers Smt. Girija Devi, veteran actor Shri Manoj Joshi, classical vocalists Pandit Rajan-Sajan Mishra were part of the gathering. The Prime Minister met Girija Devi and the entire theatre-team of 'Chanakya'.

The icing on the cake was by Pt. Jasraj at the concluding programme of the Rashtriya Sanskriti Mohatsav.

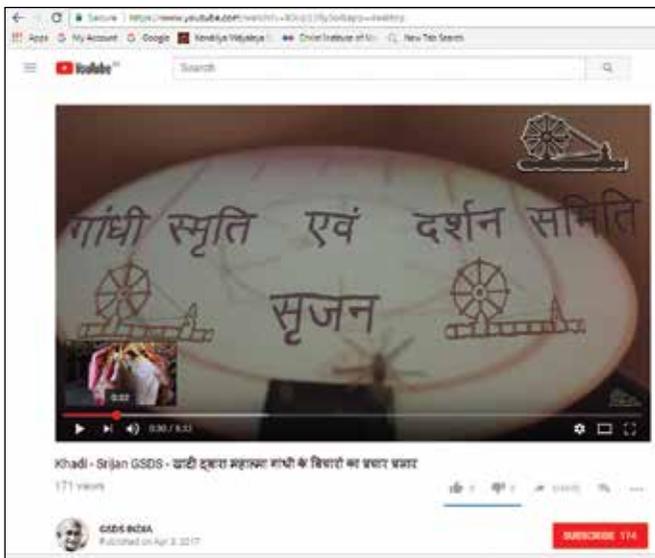


A glimpse of the vivid cultural programme during the Rashtriya Sanskriti Mohatsav in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.

Ms. Madhumita Khan conducted a theatre workshop on sanitation for the students who performed various street plays.

An exhibition on "Mahatma Gandhi's Life's Message" prepared by GSDS was on display during the Mohatsav. Book stall and exhibition of khadi clothes and pottery items made at the Srijan – GSDS Skill Development Centre attracted a lot of participants too.

Launch of Gandhi Smriti You Tube Channel



As part of the MoU with the Ministry of Culture, the GSDS has developed video content on the programmes of the Samiti. In view of this, the DH content – which is to be generated every month – the Samiti has initiated the GSDS Srijan channel on Youtube. The channel was uploaded with videos of the activities of Srijan. In the first phase, the Samiti in association with Samvad



A snapshot of the You Tube Channel of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti.

Media has developed 16 short films. The channel was developed during February 2017.

The links to the documentaries that have been uploaded in the You Tube are:

1. <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=IOJq13Ry3o>
2. <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=btmYAXLHo4U>

Swasth Bharat Cycle Yatra flagged off from Gandhi Smriti by Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqbi

Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqbi Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, flagged off the Swasth Bharat Cycle Yatra from Gandhi Smriti on August 17, 2016 to spread the message of 'swasth balika, swasth samaj'.



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A symbolic journey with the message of *swasth balika, swasth samaj* to India Gate was taken, where Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan led by members of the GSDS and Swasth Bharat Trust offered wreaths at the Amar Jawan Jyoti. Director GSDS also offered an *angavastram* at the memorial as a tribute to the martyrs.

The cyclists, who were handed over the Tri-colour by Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqbi, travelled a distance of 16000 kilometres taking the message of *Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao* campaign across the country.

During their journey, the team from Swast Bharat Trust interacted with adolescent girls with an aim to make them aware of health related issues. "The idea was to understand how adolescent girls in the country perceive health issues, especially related to their hygiene, for it is a well-known fact that the most critical issue is lack of toilets for females that is adversely impacting the health of the girl child", said, Ashutosh Kumar Singh, Chairman of Swast Bharat Trust.

"The aim has been to make girls as 'goodwill ambassadors for our campaign in the states we will be covering. We have travelled to Haryana, followed by Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Goa and this journey will continue", concluded Ashutosh.



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1. Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, felicitates hon'ble Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqbi, MOS Parliamentary Affairs in Gandhi Smriti.

2. Hon'ble Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqbi, MOS Pmt. Affairs hands over the Tri Colour to the cyclists of the Swasth Bharat Yatra.

3. Hon'ble Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqbi, flags off the Swasth Bharat Cycle Yatra.

4&5. Director GSDS Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan along with members from the GSDS and Swasth Bharat Trust offers tribute at the Amar Jawan Jyoti at India Gate after arriving from Gandhi Smriti.

1st Global Youth Leaders Summit 2016

Over 200 participants took part in the 1st Global Leaders Summit 2016 organised by the Bright Youth Society in association with Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti. 60 participants from different countries of the world also took part in the summit organized on September 1-5, 2016.



1. Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Director GSDS addresses the gathering.

2. Ms. Melba Pria, Mexican Ambassador speaks to the youth.

3. Mr. Kamal Seth, founder Human Circle conducts an interactive session.

4. Shri Ram Jethmalani (C) along with other distinguished guests at the valedictory function in Gandhi Darshan.

The summit aimed to bring to life its aim of youth empowerment to strengthen their leadership skills and on *Gandhian ideology on Education*. The summit further provided an opportunity to witness the fascinating cultural heritage of India. Mr. Zeeshan Khan, founder Director of Bright Youth Society coordinated the programme.

Some of the speakers at the Summit included: MS. Melba Pria, Mexican Ambassador to India, Mr. Ram Jethmalani, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India, Mr. Kamal Seth, Founder, Human Circle, Google India; Wioleta Burdzy, CEO Human Circle, Google India; Mr. Rajpal Singh, Director at FICCI; Mr. Enrique Gonzalez CEO, Eatlimmo and many others including Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan.

The other partners were Mexico Auto-sustainable, Google India and Mission 20.

Different sessions included:

1. Gandhian Concept of Education – Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan
2. Pollution Control Policies: Experience from Mexico & India – Ambassador Melba Pria (Mexican Ambassador)
3. Skill Development on Education & Sports for the Youth – Shri Rajpal Singh FICCI
4. Entrepreneurship and Education – Mr. Kamal Seth, The Human Circle
5. Importance of Legal Education amongst Youth – Shri Ramjeth Malani and Adv. Asghar Khan
6. Panchayat – Aiman Fatima and Wajahat Jilani
7. Simulation Exercise at Barefoot College Campus Tilonia, Rajasthan
8. Steps to Success – Mr. Irfam Khiari
9. The ABC of Startups – Enrique Gonzalez & Flavio Siller
10. Cultural Play “Varieties of Vision” – Ankit Malik

Arrangements of musical genres of Indian and other cultures at the A.M.U. were highlights of the programme.

Orientation Programme of Hon'ble MLAs of Arunachal Pradesh Assembly

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. In this backdrop, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti organized a two-day Orientation Programme for Hon'ble MLAs of Arunachal Pradesh Assembly on Gandhian philosophy and their practical relevance in formulation of policies and development of the state on February 2-3, 2017.

The key note address in the inaugural session was delivered by eminent Gandhian Shri Natwar Thakkar. He discussed at length the different dimensions of Gandhian philosophy and how these can be integrated in the policy making architecture and our governance system. He pointed out, "What is critical to note from Mahatma Gandhi's leadership of the freedom struggle was his reliance on the foundation of 'soul force' or truth force. Majority of the known struggles before his was known to have elements of violence and 'body-force'. But for Gandhi, rational discussion or persuasion was the best method to resolve conflicts instead of resorting to violence. He showed by his example that violence cannot be the last resort to resolve conflicts."

Shri Thakkar told the Hon'ble MLA's that as people in public life, we need to constantly learn on how to contribute to such transformation and nurturing of relationships and how Gandhi's nonviolent communication methods should be central to how we communicate daily. "It should be our guiding force. It's thrust are on nonviolent speech and action; maintenance of relationships & enrichment of personhood; openness and flexibility. As we know that fragmentation and conflicts in our society result from breakdown



(Above and below): *Speakers at the Orientation Programme of Hon'ble MLAs of Arunachal Pradesh included Shri Tenzing Norbu Thongdok, Shri Natwar Thakkar, Shri Laxmi Dass, Shri Basant, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan and Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu.*

(Right): *Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan presentes a photographic panel of the journey of "Mohan to Mahatma" to hon'ble Shri Tenzing Norbu Thongdok.*

in communication and our desire to 'defeat our opponents', this mantra of Mahatma Gandhi's nonviolent communication needs to be nurtured right from our childhood," he added.

The inaugural session was presided over the Speaker of the Arunachal Pradesh Assembly, Shri Tenzing Norbu Thongdok.

In the first working session of the programme, Shri Laxmi Dass, Executive Committee member, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti and Vice President, Harijan Sevak Sangh spoke on Gandhian Principles and Good Governance. He said, "The best Government was one which governs the least. That is the Gandhian way of governance. The Gandhian way is to decentralise power and wealth. It was also to decentralise governance. We have to take the Government to the village level. All areas concerning village should be governed by the village. That is gramswaraj and was propagated by Mahatma Gandhi."

On the second day, Dr Vibha Gupta of Magan Sanghralaya spoke on Gandhian humanism and sustainable development goals and Shri Basant, former advisor, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti talked on how to integrate Gandhian principles in the policy framework.

Later in the Valedictory Session, Shri Natwar Thakkar and the GSDS Director, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan underlined the different initiatives that can be taken like development of a museum on Mahatma Gandhi in Itanagar, introduction of nonviolent conflict resolution in school and higher education level, focus on policies on mutual coexistence at all level.

Orientation Programme of Police Officers on "Nonviolent Conflict Resolution and Nonviolent Communication"

A four-day orientation programme of Civil Servants on "Nonviolent Conflict Resolution and Nonviolent Communication" was organised from March 16-19, 2017 at Golaghat, Assam. 42 officers in the rank of Deputy Superintendent (probationary) and about 100 Inspectors of the Assam Police took part in the programme.



An important aspect of policing could be to orient the police force to adopt nonviolent approaches to conflict resolution and use of nonviolent communication in their dealings with the general public. The overarching goal is to facilitate a process of emotional bridge building between the public and police so that both help each other in order to contribute towards a peaceful society. Mahatma Gandhi's nonviolent approaches to resolving conflicts and his methods of nonviolent communication provides great opportunities for the police force to initiate emotional bridge building with the common citizens. This will not only lead to greater understanding of each other's concerns but also promote mutual respect. Different forms of nonviolent action like ability to accommodate other's views, respect for your opponents and use of nonviolent coercion can be practised by the police so that they can resolve many conflicts without using force. This will also help in enhancing the image of the police force.

The Objectives of the Orientation Programme were:

- a. To develop critical understanding of nonviolent approaches to conflict resolution
- b. To understand the efficacy of nonviolent communication in public dealings
- c. To develop a framework of facilitating emotional bridge building between the police and public



1. Prof. T K Thomas, Founder Chairman, Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore Foundation, is seen conducting the orientation programme, as the police officers are in rapt attention.
 2. Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer GSDS conducts the training programme in Assam.



A police officer responds to a query during the orientation programme in Assam.

The orientation programme began on March 16 that was attended by both batch of Sub Inspector and DySPs. Ms. Jikirani Mahanta DySP (P) introduced all the participants. The distinguished guests on the occasion included:

Hon'ble Justice Mr. Bilap Kr. Sarmah (Rtd.), Gauhati High Court as Chief Guest; Mr. Pradip Puzari, IPS, Principal, Police Training College, Degaon, Assam Police; Mr. Laxmi Dass, Executive Member, GSDS; Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer, GSDS; Prof. T.K. Thomas, Chairman, Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore Foundation; Prof. Manoj Mishra from Malviya Centre for Peace Research, Banaras Hindu University, Mr. Rihan Ali and Mr. Ikram Ali Dayal.

Mr. Pradip Puzari, IPS, principal of Police Training College, Dergaon, Assam gave the welcome address. He urged all the participants to learn all the skills of non violent conflict resolution & non violent communication and to use them in future by formation of friendly policing environment and a better policing practice.

Shri Laxmi Dass spoke at length about the life and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi & his non violent approaches which touched heart of every Indian. He also explained what should be the non violent action & its applications. Non violence does not mean protesting but it means protection respect & moral values. Non violence & truth can practice a coward person rather he or she has to be courageous. Non violence is a tool to fight exploitation & corruption where strictness of police shall be face of policing not a mystery of law & order so dictatorship shall be avoided.

Hon'ble Justice Biplab Kr. Sarmah (Rtd.) reflected upon the process of 'inner purification' and 'negotiation'. He stressed on the need to solve conflicts even out of courts. For criminal offences, he suggested measures for inner purification.

The training session was conducted by Prof. T K Thomas. He gave clinical explanation of policing in day-to-day life happening in police stations and how people are being treated by police personals usually. He listed all violent & non violent tools which are generally used during crowd controlling, also modern techniques or technologies like mobile tracing, DNA profiling, finger print matching are most non violent way to deal with criminals. He placed Gandhian principles of non violence and its importance to communicate with public in peace building in mass conflict situations with set of examples.

Prof Manoj Kr. Mishra defined and explained various elements of conflicts like prevention, settlements, management, resolution and transformations, etc with various examples on how one is interrelated to each other in the process of non-violent conflict resolution in different phases.

Interactions with the participants and group exercises formed an integral part of the training programme.



Shri Laxmi Dass (3rd from Right) along with Prof. T K Thomas and Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu and the Police Officers together after the training programme.

Prof Parmanand Singh from Bhagalpur University spoke on the Gandhian approach to non-violence and conflict resolution. He reiterated the underlying philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi and said that Mahatma Gandhi practiced 'Ahimsa' (Non-violence) not only as a tool or a weapon to achieve his goal, but his faith in non-violence was so deep that whenever or wherever he could not apply non-violence, instead of accusing anybody, he rather blamed himself for not being able to find the right way of its application. "The police force with its might create fear. At times this fear appears to be handy. But this cannot solve the problems of human being. Again it can only work as deterrent But not a permanent solution. Fear is a means but it is not a virtue".

The other speakers who conducted sessions included: Prof. Manoj Kr. Mishra on the necessity of dialogues. Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, conducted a session of how the police could use the new media in times of crisis and conflicts. Prof TK Thomas gave some clear picture on non violence in Mahatma Gandhi's point of view & he described it as Nonviolent Communication with several key points such as introspection, encouraging mutual respect, empathising with others, developing connections and so on.

Group Exercises conducted during the workshop brought out key points such as using social media to create awareness, scientific aid in investigation of cases, stress management, dialogues, mediation, mass awareness and community involvement, use of Gandhian techniques is very effective to maintain police-public relation, etc.

An extravaganza of Artisans and Literature at Karigar Haat and Gandhi Literature Festival

In an endeavour to promote literature on and by Mahatma Gandhi and subjects on peace and non-violence, the GSDS organized a five-day long ***Gandhi Literature Festival*** in Gandhi Darshan from March 21-25, 2017. Also during this period, the Samiti invited artisans from over 10 different states to participate at the five-day ***Karigar Haat***, an endeavour to promote rural technology by bringing them to the mainstream and linking them with the skill development program of the Government of India.



Inauguration of the Karigar Haat and Gandhi Literature Festival by distinguished guests in Gandhi Darshan. The programme saw the participation of over 150 artisans from the remote villages of India with their traditional crafts which they exhibited during the period. Also a large number of publishers took part.





Director GSDS Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan addresses the gathering at the valedictory function of the programme.

Over 15 publishers from Delhi and NCR and two special schools took part in the Literature Festival. The Karigar Haat brought together artisans from Varanasi, Mizoram, Uttarakhand, Kholapur, Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Bihar, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra.

The Karigar Haat and the Gandhi Literature Festival was inaugurated by Shri Laxmi Dass, Shri Basant Singh, Shri Ramesh Sharma, Shri Yogesh Shukla, Dr. A K Merchant, Shri Bilal Acikgoz, Mrs. Renu Sharma, Shri Lal Bahadur Rai, Shri Biswajeet and others at a special function in Gandhi Darshan on March 21, 2017.

While publishers from Delhi and NCR showcased the thematic books related to peace, globalization, environment, there were those organisations working on environment such as MOKSHDA who featured their work on 'green crematorium'. Organisations working with special children also featured in the list of participants and displayed their work with children with different abilities.

Sharing their observations on the Karigar Haat and the Literature Festival, the speakers at the inauguration reiterated the words of eminent Gandhian Late Shri Dharendra Majumdar that 'the day the craftsman becomes the scholar, and vice-versa, that day majority of the problems of the country will be solved' (*Jis din mistri shastri*



Children from Kasturba Balika Vidyalaya, Bhitiharwa presents handmade flower vase to Director GSDS. *ho jaye, aur shastri misti ho jaye, us din desh ki adhikansh samasyao ka hal ho jaiga*.

Director GSDS while addressing a congregation of over 150 artisans and publishers said that he would try his best to develop this place into a permanent Karigar Haat. Stating that the tree (artisans) which has been nurtured by the Gandhian constructive workers for over more than 30 years, he would try to make this dream come true of developing a Karigar Haat in Gandhi Darshan complex that would be a real tribute to the labour of love.

To this, Shri Basant Singh, former advisor GSDS said that specific fairs will be planned to showcase specialized work and provide opportunity to the rural people



Sankalp for Khadi—a pledge was administered during the Karigar Haat to promote the use of Khadi among citizens.



Shri Basant ji shares his perspective about the role of artisans in nation-building process.

to showcase the rich and varied culture and crafts at one place.



Above: Artists from Indu Arts Theatre and Film Society performs a street play.

Below: Participants from Amity Institute of Education learning the nuances of working with bamboo from an artisan as part of the workshop.

Shri Laxmi Dass, while sharing his views said that the conglomeration of artisans from different corners of the country and that of the presence of vast literature on Mahatma Gandhi and contemporary subjects of social concern is a proof of the rich cultural heritage that India shares. He felt that this unique blend of poor artisans and books will surely present a colourful variety of micro Gandhian concepts under one umbrella.

The inaugural programme also saw a special street theatre performance by members from the Indu Art Theatre and Film Society on Beti Bachao Beti Padhao led by Ms. Madhumita Khan.

Interactions with the artisans on their work and the need to provide their work with proper skill sets and technology also took place during the five-day programme. On March 24, an interaction with about 40 students from Amity Institute of Education, Saket and the artisans took place in Gandhi Darshan. The students, besides

participating in the interaction also had an on-the-field training of a particular work of art/craft from the artisans, as part of their curriculum. The students interacted with all the craftsmen and women and learned about their lifestyle, their experiences and how the skill runs in their families.

The valedictory function in Gandhi Darshan saw another unique tradition of the *pagdi* (turban) ceremony where all the participants, and every members and staff of the Samiti including guests were presented with a turban. A pledge to wear Khadi by Khadi India was also administered to all the participants. Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan also gave away certificates and charkha to all the participants.

Women Entrepreneurship Programme for Village Lahchora launched

The Samiti in association with Connecting Dreams Foundation (CDF) Apna Tech Tree (ATT), as part of the Skill India Development Programme of the Government of India, attempted towards establishing 'Technology connect' and promote entrepreneurship among women through conducting the development activities, awareness building camps and setting up and Apna Tech Tree Centre (ATTC).

The project aimed at achieving:

1. To set up and **Apna Tech Tree** (Digital Village Kiosk) Centre to establish rural-urban connect;
2. Training women and youth on 21st century entrepreneurship and employability skills
3. Train women on importance of balanced nutrition and help them become 'Nutripreneurs' and
4. Organising women into different groups to undertake 'Nutripreneur' based productive activities to earn their livelihood and develop rural community and help them in the field of marketing and network the forward and backward linkages.

In this regard, various activities were conducted over a period of three months beginning from January 14, 2017, when the first and foremost step was taken to identify the felt need of the community. Focused Group Discussion (FDGs) and Key Person Interview (KPIs) with different groups and individuals from various sections of the community was conducted whereby the following gaps were found in the village:

- Lack of transportation;
- Lack of health facilities;
- Lack of banking facilities and
- Lack of schooling facilities.

Similarly, a **Digital Literacy Workshop** for young girls was conducted on February 27, 2017 with about 30 young drawn from different socio-economic background and ages. The workshop was designed in a way that it would cover the most basic of computer and its usages and how computer can be helpful in daily activities and their importance in the overall development of the students and village as a whole.

Further on the same day, a drawing competition on **Digital and Smart Village** was conducted where the girls camp up with various usages of computer and smart phones and with their creative thinking they came up with many 'out of the box' ideas. The idea was also to generate awareness amongst the girls and build their confidence so that they overcome the rural constraints in future.

On March 25, the **Apna Tech Tree Centre** was inaugurated which was attended by many community members. Shri Mohammed Abbas K. DGM, Syndicate Bank was the chief guest on the occasion. The functionality of the *Apna Tech Tree Centre* was briefed to the participants regarding its usages for the overall development of the village.

The occasion also saw a skit titled "Modern Bahu" being presented by a group of young girls. An informative street play (*nukkad-natak*) by students of Hindu College highlighting the importance of digital age kept the audience hooked to their seats.

The day (March 25) also saw two more workshops that were conducted - **one** with farmers on the theme "Nutrition and Development" conducted by Dr. B S Tomar, Head, Vegetable Science Division, IARI, who emphasized on the importance of the resource richness of India and the potential it offers in the field of agriculture. The **second** workshop was on "Basic Computer and Internet" saw the interaction of the girls with Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan that amused the participating girls. The girls, who expressed their ordeal of travelling many miles on foot to attend schools and colleges, were happy to learn numerous courses and vocational skills with this innovative solution.



Various activities were conducted during the 'Women Empowerment Programme for Village Lahchora' as part of the workshop that saw an enthusiastic participation of both young boys and girls. The setting up of the "Apna Tech Tree Centre (Digital Village Kiosk) was another attraction.



125th Birth Anniversary of Dr. J. C. Kumarappa

The year 2017-18 marks the 125th birth anniversary year of Dr. J.C.Kumarappa. Surprisingly, many of us seem to have ignored or forgotten the significance of the major role J.C. Kumarappa played in interpreting Mahatma Gandhi. The vision and work of the Gandhian Economist, Dr. Kumarappa and its relevance in the emerging scenario has been the focus of the programmes organised by the GSDS.

National Consultative Meeting on Rural Development

The Samiti in collaboration with Public Policy Research Centre, Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini organized a day-long National Consultative Meeting on Rural Development in Gandhi Darshan on August 22, 2016 that was attended by about 50 people, heading different organizations, grassroots workers and people working on skill development programs.



Enthusiastic participants from different parts of the country queue for their registration outside the venue in Gandhi Darshan.

(Above:) Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Hon'ble Minister Rural Development, Panchayati Raj and Drinking Water (L), Shri Vinay Sahasrabudhe, National Vice President of BJP, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Director GSDS at the National Consultative Meeting in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.



(Above:) Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Hon'ble Minister Rural Development, Panchayati Raj and Drinking Water (C) along with other distinguished guests releasing the report: "Making Villages Open Defecation Free - Issues in Institutional Success" on the occasion.

Some of them who were present on the occasion included Sujoy Kundu, representing *Global Sanitation Fund Integrated Development Foundation*; Sunil Kr. Shrama from *Viswas Network*; Arbind Kumar from *Lok Jagriti Kendra*; Murari M Choudhury, from *NEEDS Jharkhand*; Binayak Bishwas from *Bharatiya Kisan Sangh*; Aditya Patnaik from *Antodaya Chetna Mandal*; Dr. Gyanendra from *Mahila Vikas Sansthan*; Hari Dayal Singh from *Plan India*; Shri Basant from *Karigar Panchayat* and others.

The consultation focused on steps to be taken in different areas towards enhancement of rural development programmes that reaches directly to the poor. Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan underlined the Gandhian concept of Gram Swaraj and the need to understand the issues of the poor for their development.

Later in the day, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Hon'ble Minister Rural Development, Panchayati Raj and Drinking Water and Sanitation, released a report entitled "Making Villages Open Defecation Free – Issues in Institutional Success" in Gandhi Darshan. The study covers 41 villages from Maharashtra, Jharkhand and Odisha and

attempts to understand why, while some of the villages – were declared as ODF – there were other villages that failed to continue with the ODF status.

Two day programme of young volunteers and presentation on current economic conditions and Mahatma Gandhi’s economic perspective

The Samiti organized a two-day programme of “Young Volunteers on the Current Economic conditions and Mahatma Gandhi’s Economic Perspective” on November 4-5, 2016. Central to the Gandhian philosophy was the principle of Swadeshi or home economy. About 150 participants took part in the programme. The speakers underlined the essence of Gandhian economic perspective and the current economic scenario. There were discussions on Gandhiji’s ‘gram swaraj’ and the rural economy today. More than 15 speakers presented their papers on the issue. The programme was organized in association with People for Nation.

While western economic systems were (and are) based on what he called the “multiplication of wants,” Gandhi felt that this was both unsustainable and devastating to the human spirit. His model, by contrast, aimed at the fulfilment of needs – including the need for meaning and community.

Seminar on Bharatiya Vision of Rural India

The Samiti and Deendayal Research Institute jointly organized a day-long seminar on *Bharatiya Vision of Rural India through the eyes of Mahatma Gandhi, Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya, J. C Kumarappa and Nanaji Deshmukh* in Gandhi Darshan on December 3, 2016 which was attended by over 120 participants.



Eminent journalist Shri Ram Bahadur Rai addressing the gathering on issues of village panchayat and the role it could play for the development of the nation in Gandhi Darshan.



(Above and Below): Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Director GSDS shares his perspective on M K Gandhi’s vision of rural India, as former Director GSDS and an eminent Gandhian, Prof. N Radhakrishnan keenly listens.

Participants at the seminar are in rapt attention discussing various issues and challenges faced by the villages in India.

Perspectives of rural development of Mahatma Gandhi and Deendayal Upadhyaya and their significance in contemporary society were taken up at the discussion during the seminar. Among the participants who addressed the discussion included: Shri K N Govindacharya, Shri Basant ji, Shri Anil Madhav Dave, Dr. Bajrang Lal Gupta, and others.

Gandhian Economics – A Path towards Sustainable Development



(Above): Shri Jayvant Matkar, eminent Gandhian shares his ideas on the Gandhian model of sustainable development to engrossed participants (Below), as Shri GVVSDS Prasad looks on.

The Samiti organised a discussion on *Gandhian Economics – A Path towards Sustainable Development* in Gandhi Darshan on January 3, 2016 to mark the 125th Birth Anniversary of J C Kumarappa. Leading the discussion were senior professionals like Dr. Kamal Taori, Shri Jayvant Matkar, Shri GVVSDS Prasad, Shri Basant ji.

The speakers at the interactive dialogue pointed out to J C Kumarappa's life-work and said that his entire life was driven by a passion for freedom and justice in their fullest senses. Since economic autonomy for the individual was a *desiderata* for freedom, and as the majority of people lived in the countryside, the village economy was an essential determinant of India's social well-being.

They further pointed that JC Kumarappa's deeply moral interpretation of economics was shaped by a visionary understanding of the place and role of human beings in their larger ecological setting. They also said that Kumarappa's philosophy represents a sweeping and original

analysis of some of the most important constituents of the human economic predicament. He developed an internally consistent teleological framework that delved into such fundamental questions of economic theory and philosophy as the nature of the individual, value theory, nature of work, division of labour, role of the state, right to property, and money as a medium of exchange.

Interaction on 125th Birth Anniversary of J C Kumarappa

About 50 participants took part in an interactive session in Gandhi Darshan to mark the 125th Birth Anniversary of the Gandhian economist Dr. J C Kumarappa on January 5, 2017. The interaction was led by Dr. A Annamalai, Director, National Gandhi Museum. Participating in the dialogue were also present senior management experts and professors from the Cardinal Stritch University at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, U.S.A. on a mission – *Pilgrims of Peace* – who shared their experiences of working in varied areas. They emphasised the implementation of Gandhian



(Above): Shri A. Annamallai, Director National Gandhi Museum, along with Shri GVVSDS Prasad shares a thought with the leader of the delegation from Cardinal Stritch University U.S.A., as other participants from the University (Below), share their thought.



(Above): *Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Director GSDS presents the autobiography of Mahatma Gandhi "My Experiments with Truth" to the visiting delegation from the Cardinal Stritch University at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, U. S. A., as other participants (Below) look on.*

ethics in management. Shri GVVSDS Prasad of Gandhi King Foundation who accompanied the delegation from Cardinal Stritch University was also present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. A Annamallai, reiterated the vision and strategy of Mahatma Gandhi and his principles of justice and equity for all. Earlier, Director GSDS Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan welcomed the delegation and said that the vision of J C Kumarappa if followed seriously can solve many of the issues related to SDGs.

The delegation from Cardinal Stritch University visited Gandhi Smriti on January 6, where a discussion on the relevance of the Gandhian philosophy in countering conflicts was led by the President of the Gandhi Smarak Nidhi, Shri Ram Chandra Rahi. Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer GSDS coordinated the visit of the group who offered their tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at the Martyr's Column.

Orientation and Training of Youth in Gandhian Philosophy of Service to the Nation

The Samiti and Tamil Nadu Sarvodaya Mandal organised a two-day "Orientation and Training of Youth in Gandhian Philosophy of Service to the Nation" at Madurai on January 4-5, 2017 as a tribute to the 125th Birth Anniversary of Dr. J C Kumarappa.

The Tamil Nadu Sarvodaya Mandal and its district branches – Madurai, Ramnad, Theni and Dindigul districts; The Gandhi Museum, Madurai; The Gandhigram Rural University, Gandhigram and many local colleges in Madurai took part in the two-day programme. 197 students mostly from the NSS wing of nine colleges in Madurai also took part.



(Above & Below): *Shri Rajendran, presenting a shawl to the distinguished guest at the orientation programme, as participants that included young boys and girls watch the proceedings.*



The participants at the end of the programme were given appreciation certificates.

The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. K M Natarajan, Secretary, Tamil Nadu Sarvodaya Mandal and Shri Rajendran, Secretary, Tamil Nadu Sarvodaya Mandal.

The different sessions that were conducted for the youth included:

1. Relevance of Gandhi today and the role of Youth – Dr. K M Natarajan
2. The Panchayati Raj System and its importance – Dr. G. Palanidurai
3. Communal and Social Harmony – Dr. P Raghupathy
4. Importance of Organic farming practices – Shri Pamaiyan
5. Basic Education System of Gandhiji –Dr. Padamuthu
6. Highlights of Gandhian Education System – Dr. Chanadrakesaran
7. Shanti Sena – Dr. William Baskar
8. Influence of Gandhiji on the International Community – Dr. Ponnu
9. Gandhiji’s life and message with special reference to his visits to Madurai – Dr. Ravichandran
10. Value systems and character building for youths – Shri R. Sundaresan
11. Dr. M Gurusamy – Dr. J C Kumarappa’s Economy of Permanence
12. The Message of Gandhiji – Dr. Andiappan

Yoga demonstration by Shri Devadoss Gandhi, Joint Secretary of Tamil Nadu Nature cure Movement was another highlight of the programme.

Workshop on Gandhian Concept of Rural Industrialisation and Village Economy

As part of the 125th Birth Anniversary of J C Kumarappa, the Centre of Science for Villages and Institute of Gandhian Studies in association with the Samiti organised a workshop on the “Gandhian Concept of Rural Industrialisation and Village Economy” in Wardha, Maharashtra from January 4-6, 2017. The occasion also saw discussions and laying a plan of action for yearlong celebrations of the great Gandhian economic scientist, J C Kumarappa. Shri Sanjay Arvikar, PIB Nagpur, Shri Bharat Maahodaya, Chairman CSV, Dr. Sukuram, a scientist from MCRC, Chennai, Shri Devendra Singh of BYST and youth participants attended the programme.



The solemn inauguration of the programme by distinguished guests began with the lighting of the lamp (above) and with invocation by the young girls (below) from the local school.

The following themes were discussed:

1. Understanding the Economy of Permanence
2. Appropriate Technology: Role of AT in Agricultural Economy
3. Nurturing Artisans: Strengthening a time-tested Engineering Skills for Villages
4. Energy: Meeting Energy Demand on Rural technologies in Future



1. Distinguished guests are seen releasing the book “Economic of Peace” on the occasion.

2. A role play on “Farmer’s Suicide” was enacted by a theatre group.

3. Participants at the orientation programme.

The participants further elaborated on some of these major points:

1. Participants understood the possibilities of using local resources, local traditional, but scientific knowledge and skills for fulfilling local needs by practicing economy of enterprise. It included agriculture, animal husbandry and village industries.
2. They further explored possibilities of technology intervention for enhancing skill and capabilities of traditional artisans, entrepreneurs and farmers
3. Team members also worked out through discussion, the scope of innovation and research in the field of developmental economics.
4. They further initiated the formation of a network of Research and Development Institutions, Development Organisations, Neo Entrepreneurs, Artisans and Farmers meant for strengthening and enhancing their skills and potentials.
5. They suggested the linking up of different organisation working in the field of small scale Cottage Industries, Rural Industrialisation, Rural Housing as well as in Technology Intervention through establishing Nodal Centres, Focal Centres and Local Support as well as Catalytic Agencies especially with reference to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.

Street plays focussing on farmer’s suicide; experience sharing sessions, formation of Action Groups willing to work in villages, field visits exhibition at the CSV Campus were other highlights of the three-day programme.

Training programme on Bapu’s Conception of Gram Swaraj through Skill India Programme

A two-day programme on “Bapu’s Conception of Gram Swaraj through Skill India” was held in Chattarpur, Bundelkhand, Madhya Pradesh in association with “Bargad, Chattarpur on March 25-26, 2017. Almost 500 participants took part in the programme organised by the Samiti that included women, students, professor, social worker, farmers, scholars & politicians were participated in this programme.

The programme was inaugurated by Shri Manoj Jena from Vinoba Seva Pratishthan, Sant Jai Krishan Das, Prof. J.P. Shakya, Dr. K.N. Goswami,



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1. Distinguished guests are seen being felicitated by a member from team Bargad on the occasion.
2. Women representatives and artisans leading the invocation.
3. A packed hall with participants at the training programme.

Shiv Om Singh Yadav, Satish Gupta,Hardyal Kushwaha, Rajendra Suman, Mrs. Manju Gupta, Ram Kumar Kushwaha, Rohit Upadhyay and others.

The strategy of this training programme was to provide employment to the youth and thereby link it to connect women groups, skilled, semi-skilled & unskilled employee to the main stream of development.

The objectives of the trainings were:

1. To inculcate ideas of Swadeshi, Gram Swaraj, Skill Development.
2. To enhance the creativity of rural youth and women by creating a platform to showcase their skills.
3. To exhibit local handicrafts, art and culture and teach the techniques to promote for a dignified livelihood.

The training programme had trained youth with their interest in the field of work. There was also a follow up with the youth who wanted to look for outside for employment.

An exhibition based on women's traditional knowledge was on display during the programme. It focussed on employment of women through intellectual and traditional knowledge.

In the last session Shri Hardyal Kushwaha of Bargad urged the youth to take interest in agriculture and traditional work, for it is which will help in generating employment.

Seminar on Prospects of Processing Agriculture and Forest Product for Enterprises Development and Women Empowerment

A seminar on "Prospects of Processing Agriculture and Forest Product for Enterprises Development and Women Empowerment" as part of the International Women's Day was organized by the Samiti in collaboration with Centre of Science for Village, at Wardha, Maharashtra on March 8, 2017 at Biodiversity Park, Village Sirkutni, Block Ashti.

About 300 participants, mostly women, from three adjoining villages (including tribal villages) and undergraduate / graduate students of different colleges taking education in different subjects' took part and following activities were carried out. Participants from the Centre of Science for Villages, Dattapur, Wardha; Institute of Gandhian Studies, Gopuri, Wardha; National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Institution, Hyderabad; Gram Panchayat, Sirkutni, Ashti, Wardha; Gram Panchayat, Mamdapur, Ashti, Wardha; Gram Panchayat, Sujatpur, Ashti, Wardha; Block Development Office, Ashti, Wardha; Watershed Development Committee, Sirkutni, Ashti, Wardha; New Arts, Commerce and Science College, Wardha; Zilha

Parishad, Wardha; Press Reporter Dainik Bhaskar, Ashti and Press Reporter, Lokmat, Ashti took part.

Three study groups are made at three different locations:

1. At Sirkutni for villagers
2. At Akurli for village youths and
3. At Wardha for college students belonging to New Arts, Commerce and Science College

These groups learnt appropriate technologies to become entrepreneurs and they will make use of local resources as raw material for their enterprise.

1. Economical Activity:
2. From the forest area they will collect Wild Edible Vegetables; Wild Edible Flowers Fruits and Nuts; Tuberos Crops; Gums and Resins; Natural Edible Colours.
3. Formed a network of study groups, action groups and entrepreneurs with technical and professional institutions.



(Above): Young girls from the community leading the invocation at the inauguration, as the guests listen in amazement.

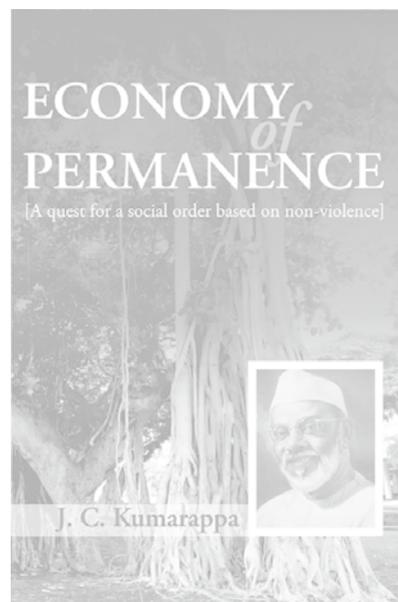
(Below): An elderly women shares her concern about agricultural problems being faced by their village during the programme.

It was resolved by the participants that some of them will start their own enterprise which are based on the raw material available either from the farms or the forests. For furthering this cause they will take training from Centre of Science for Villages, Dattapur Wardha. The resources found in and around the forest villages are Cereals; Pulses; Vegetables; Fruits; Spices; Agriculture by products, etc.



(Above): A participant from the tribal community felicitates one of the guests at the programme.

(Below): A skit on implication of use of fertilizers in agriculture is seen being presented by the participants.





100 Years of Champaran Satyagraha



Participants at the conclave on "Youth Constructive Workers" in rapt attention.

Conclave for "Youth Constructive Workers on the essence of Champaran Satyagraha"

Around 400 youth took part in a conclave for "Youth Constructive Workers on the essence of Champaran" on April 10, 2016 at Brajkishore Memorial Hall, Sadaquat Ashram, Patna to discuss the role of youth as constructive workers in the development of society. The conclave was organised by GSDS in collaboration with Centre for Communication Resources Development (CENCORED), Patna. It was held to mark the beginning of the Champaran Satyagraha.

Present on the occasion were Shri Sanjay Paswan, Minister, Bihar State Government, Shri Sudhakar Singh, Shri Gaurav Singh, Dr. Indu Sinha, Shri Ramupdes Singh, Shri Basant Singh and others.

Speakers at the conclave spoke on the different facets of Champaran Satyagraha and how Gandhiji was able to mobilise the illiterate and downtrodden masses of Champaran. They unanimously felt that the unfinished work of Gandhiji should be carried forward.

Earlier rich tributes were paid to Maulana Mazhar-ul-Haq, Brajkishore Babu and Dr. Rajendra Prasad – the contemporaries of Mahatma Gandhi during the Champaran Satyagraha.

Workshop on the Impact of the Policy of Liberalisation, Privatisation and Globalisation on Domestic Violence

A two-day workshop on the "Impact of the Policy of Liberalisation, Privatisation and Globalisation on Domestic Violence" with a focus on the migrant families from Bihar to Delhi, Noida and Gurgaon – was organised on May 12-13, 2016 in Gandhi Darshan. The programme was organised in association with the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) New Delhi and Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwa Vidyalaya (MGAHVV), Wardha. The Chief Guest on this occasion was Prof. Gireswar Mishra, Vice Chancellor, MGAHVV. About 100 people took part in the workshop.





(Above): Prof. Nripendra Kumar Modi along with other senior resource persons in an interaction with the participants (below).

Prof. Nripendra Kumar Modi introduced the subject and the efforts undertaken to tackle emerging issues regarding the new economic policies, domestic violence and rural migrations. These are the three major components which impact women in various ways – mostly in the form of domestic violence. The studies in the subject field are done with special focus on and from women’s perspectives.

The distinguished academicians in the panel were the VC MGAHV, Prof. Nripendra Modi, Prof. Sumit Saurabh, Prof. Sanjay Paswan, Prof. Badri Narayan of JNU, Shri Narayan Bhai of Gandhi Mission Trust, West Bengal, Prof. Arvind Kr. Jha, senior social scientist and scholar, Prof. Ramsharan Joshi, Shri Alokmani Tripathi, Prof. Balwant Mehta, Ms. Vandana Raag, Dr. Pyarelal and others.

The participants emphasised the need to curb domestic violence on women with reference to the rising levels of migration, the uprooting leading to discontent and eventually violence in different forms. The speakers brought forth the need to use the Gandhian principles for solving these problems. This is the age of migration and market economy rules the day. Most values take a backseat and greed takes over. This created imbalance and what follows is repercussion.

The speakers agreed in unison that quantitative data needs to be evaluated in qualitative paradigm. The language of the inner mind needs to be explored and the definition of domestic also needs to be renewed with compassion for which we are paying the price.

The speakers further highlighted the need for identifying the dimensions of this research. The use of narratives is important and so is the use of participatory enquiry model. Further, target areas of research need to be handled by sensitive researchers. The speakers felt that many a times informal and instant interviews are more effective along with dialogue. They also stressed that for research to be quantified, technology needs to be roped in for better results. It was agreed upon that coming together of individuals and institutions for managing these issues.

Workshop-cum-panel discussion on Prohibition



(Above): Shri Rajnish Kumar, Secretary Gandhi Samadhi Rajghat lights the lamp at the inauguration of the programme.

(Below): A participant shares his ideas on ‘Prohibition’ to an attentive audience & members on the dais.

The GSDS organised the workshop-cum-panel discussion on "Prohibition" in association with the *Acharya Kriplani Memorial Trust* and *Nashamukti Jan Abhiyaan, Delhi* with participation by 13 different organisations working on the issue of Prohibition. Shri Ashok Sharan from *Nashamukti Jan Abhiyaan* was present on the occasion. The programme was organized in Gandhi Darshan on August 28, 2016.

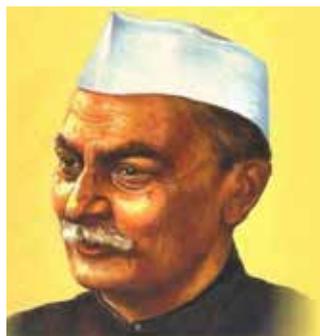


Shri Atul Prabhakar speaks on social implications of use of alcohol at the programme.

150 participants took part in the programme that included members from the civil societies, volunteer organisations, students and youth groups from Khudai Khidmatgar took part in the programme. Issues related to *Prohibition* and crimes and deaths due to alcohol and drug abuse, legalities, etc were addressed.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad Memorial Lecture organised

The Samiti organized a day-long discussion-cum-memorial lecture on Dr. Rajendra Prasad at Maharani Janki Kunwar Maha Vidhyalaya, Champaran on December 9, 2016. The memorial lecture was organized as part of the celebrations to mark the 100 years of the Champaran Satyagraha. Dr. Rajendra Prasad was one of the close associates of Gandhiji who was witness to the first historic non-violent struggle in India by Mahatma Gandhi. He (Dr. Prasad) had also recounted the events in his famous book *Satyagraha in Champaran*. The programme was coordinated by Shri Dipendra Vajpeyi.



The programme was inaugurated by offering rich tributes to Dr. Rajendra Prasad and Mahatma Gandhi. Eminent Gandhian, Shri Basant, Dr. Pramod Kumar, Dr. R K Chaudhary, Shri Narayan Muni (eminent Gandhian Social

Worker), Shri Gulshan Gupta and others were present on the occasion.



A packed gathering of people from different segments of the society during the programme organised in Champaran.

The speakers at the conference reiterated that the Champaran Satyagraha highlighted the core issues of social upliftment of the poor and the downtrodden. The speakers time and again referred to the intellectual eminence of Dr. Rajendra Prasad.

Workshop on Role of Youth Volunteers in Constructive Work

122 youth from 15 Panchayats of four blocks in Jamui participated in the workshop on "Role of Youth Volunteers in Constructive Work" in Chandrashekhhar Nagar, Jamui, Bihar from March 22-23, 2017. Organised by GSDS in association with Parivar Vikas, the workshop was inaugurated by veteran Gandhian, Dr. Bhagwan Singh. Dr. Prem Prabhakar was the special guest and Shri Bhavanandji, Secretary Parivar Vikas was present on the occasion. The programme was organised as part of the 100 years of the Champaran Satyagraha.



Distinguished speakers at the workshop on "Role of Youth Volunteers in Constructive Work" sharing their perspectives.



Participants at the workshop attentively listen to the speakers.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Bhagawan Singh stressed that youth must have some basic skill sets that will help them become self-reliant. Dr. Bhagwan Singh further encouraged the participants to read and understand Mahatma Gandhi in their own way and to adopt the positivity from his lessons.

On the second day of the workshop, Dr. Sudhir Kumar Singh (In-charge Agriculture Science Centre, Khadigram, Jamui, Bihar) was the chief guest and Dr. Uday (Director, Parididhi, Bhagalpur, Bihar) was the special guest of the day. The Participants also shared their views on their expectation from this workshop and their contribution to the society.

Some of the participants who shared their views included: Shri Ajit Kumar, who spoke on skill development and skill based education; Shri Rudal Pandit, who spoke on the importance of becoming self reliant and Shri Ratan Kumar Upadhyaya who stressed on service towards society.

All the participants were divided into five groups and each group prepared a presentation on given topic - Group 1 – *Art and Culture*; Group 2 – *Agriculture and Employment*; Group 3 – *Education*; Group 4 – *Women Empowerment* and Group 5 – *Communal Harmony*.

The programme concluded by lighting of 100 diyas (lamps) as part of the centenary celebrations of the Champaran Satyagraha. It was further decided that 100 seminars will be organized in four blocks of Jamui district, namely, Barhat, Giddhaur, Jamui and Lakshmipur in a year. It was further decided that all 15 Sarpanch of 15 Panchayats would be gifted Autobiography of Mahatma Gandhi and a photo frame of Mahatma Gandhi will be placed in all the Panchayat Bhawans.

Exhibition in Sarva Seva Sangh as part of Champaran Satyagraha: 100 Years

The Samiti took part in the exhibition at the Sarva Seva Sangh as part of the centenary celebrations of the Champaran Satyagraha from March 23-25, 2017 at Motihari, Champaran. An eighteen panel consisting



exhibitions on the life and message of Mahatma Gandhi and with highlights of the Champaran Satyagraha of 1917 were on display.

Symposium on "Constructive Programmes of Mahatma Gandhi"

The Samiti in association with Berojgar Sangh, Valmikinagar, West Champaran Bihar organized a day-long symposium of "Constructive Programmes of Mahatma Gandhi" as part of the centenary celebrations of the historic Champaran Satyagraha on March 29, 2017. The programme was organized at Santpur Village in Tharhut district. The theme that was selected with the participants was "Agricultural training and the Champaran Satyagraha". Almost 250 participants took part in the programme.



Secretary Berojgar Sangh, Shri Satendra Singh, Shri Basant Singh from Karigaar Panchayat and other distinguished people attended the programme and discussed the relevance of Mahatma Gandhi and the Champaran Satyagraha in the present context. They also dwelt upon the thought to involve the farmers with the skill building initiatives of the Government of India and improve their technical knowhow for their overall development.

The programme was attended by a large number of women, children and farmers from the adjoining villages with great zeal and enthusiasm. During the Champaran Movement, Mahatma Gandhi had emphasized on the development of village industries in order to make our villages self sufficient.

The distinguished speakers from the district asked the women to create self-service groups to strengthen their economic base. The farmers were also asked to fight for their rights like the farmers of Champaran had done a century ago. The speakers further asked the youth to devote themselves to the service of their region and work towards rural development.

Symposium on "Constructive Programme of Gandhi"

A daylong seminar was organized as part of the centenary year celebrations of the Champaran Satyagraha at Bihar Institute of Economic Studies (BIES), Patna, Bihar on March 30, 2017. The programme was organized by GSDS in association with BIES. Dr. Pyarelal, Director BIES, welcomed all the guests and participants.

In his welcome speech he said that Satyagraha was the movement that was adopted by Gandhiji as a moral nonviolent weapon based on truth and non-violence to fight injustices.

Dr. Sunil Kumar Sinha writer of the book "Gandhi ke Teen Prayog" who was present on the occasion said Champaran is the place from where Gandhi became Mahatma. To make Gandhi a Mahatma the role of Pandit Rajkumar Shukla is more important.



The others who spoke on the occasion included: Shri Arun Kumar Singh, Lecturer, Bihar University, eminent economist, Prof. Naval Kishore Choudhary, Shri Surender Singh, former Secretary Gandhi Peace Foundation, New Delhi, Shri Bhojnandan Babu and Shri Nitish Mishra, Executive Director BIES.



A view of the young participants at the symposium



Distinguished guests at the symposium lighting the lamp during the inaugural programme.





Programmes for the Tribal People

Youth Volunteers Workshop for Constructive Work and Social Leadership for the Adivasis

A two-day "Youth Volunteers Workshop for Constructive Work and Social Leadership" was organised by the Samiti in association with Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Shiksha Sansthan (BASS) in Dhanbad Jharkhand from June 28-30, 2016. Mr. Manoj Kumar representative of the GSDS took part in the programme for the Adivasi youth. Men and women from the community took part in the workshop.

About 110 people took part in the workshop. Shri Parameshwar Paswan, Chairman of BASS was present on the occasion. Shri Rustam ji a social worker also spoke on the occasion. Group exercise formed an integral part of the programme. The participants raised various issues of social concern from their community and attempted towards understanding different facets towards rendering their services to society through voluntary effort.

Discourse on Gandhian Constructive Work 'Adivasi': Sustainable Villages



Shri Manoj Kumar of GSDS addresses the gathering at Dhanbad as the participants are all ears.



(Above): Shri Gulshan Gupta (C) along with the other delegates at Nanipara, Meghalaya during the seminar.

(Below): Tribal artists display their rich colourful presentation during the inaugural programme.

A seminar on the Sustainable Village was organized for the villagers of Nonipara village of West Garo Hills, Meghalaya on February 9, 2017. The seminar was planned for 100 people of Nonipara village, but on the day, with the effort of Amai Janaw Self Help Group of Nonipara, more than 400 people of seven villages of that area participated.

Shri Animesh Koch, Shri Rahul Parekh, Gaon Bura (Gram Pradhan), Social Activist and Chief Guest of the seminar Shri Atul Deshpande, and undersigned were present in the seminar.

Shri Atul Deshpande who was the key speaker of the day delivered the key note address. In his speech, he put the nine-point formula of making an ideal village which included - Food, Clothes, Home, Education, Health, Enculturation, Electricity, Drinking Water and Roads.



Different activities that included live demonstration of yarning thread from cotton, cultural presentations marked the programme at West Garo Hills, Meghalaya.



WEAVING THE THREAD OF HOPE: *A weaver is seen working on her hand spinning machine (takli) to yarn thread from cotton.*

Shri Gulshan Gupta from GSDS in his address mentioned that if a man from rural area shifts to urban area and spends his time, energy and all his services for the development of the urban society than how villages will be developed. "It is today's need to stay in our homeland and to develop that with all our energy and time", he said, adding, "The real India lives in the villages but unfortunately we are unable to recognize our capacities. The time is to recognize the power of the unity and with that unite power we would be able to establish an ideal of our village amongst the others".

Charkha demonstration and Cultural programme was the attraction of the seminar. Women from the Nonipara village demonstrated the Charkha, weaving and making Sutra.

Group of young girls and boys presented a cultural dance of Koch community. The folk dance was based on farming and harvesting.

The seminar was concluded with Vandemataram sung by the children of Shichu Vatika (a play school in the village).

Janjati Kala Sanskriti Sangam

A three-day *Janjati Kala Sanskriti Sangam* was organized at Haflong on February 13, 14, 15, 2017 in association with Haflong unit of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad. Cultural coordinator of the Sangam was Saraswati Vidya Mandir Parichalana Samiti, Haflong. Three different dimensions in three days Sangam was covered.

Day one was dedicated for culture, day two for village empowerment and discussion on *Nation-Building and Volunteerism* was took place on day three. Almost 600 participants took part in this Kala Sanskriti Sangam.



A display of the traditional culture of the tribes during the Jan Jati Kala Sangam at Haflong, Assam.

The programme started with the cultural performances of the tribes of the Dima Hasao District an autonomous council town of Assam. The programme was organized in the auditorium of District Library, Haflong. The programme was inaugurated by by Shri Ashok, Convener, ABVP, Haflong Unit.

Ten teams from different tribal communities participated in the cultural programme of the Sangam. Each team has 10 members. The ten teams were: *Jeme Naga, Hmar, Dimasa, Kuki, Hrankhol, Vaiphei, Rongmei Naga, Zelinag Naga, Bengali and Nepali.*

On second day of the programme (February 14, 2107), a seminar on Village Empowerment was organized for the villagers of Boro Haflong Village. 120 villagers took part in the seminar. Most senior person of the village, the Gram Pujari welcomed all. Shri Yogendra Singh Sisodia was the speaker on the occasion.

On the third day, a workshop for youth of Haflong was organized on the theme of *Volunteerism and Community Development*. Discussion on how youth can play important role towards developing their community by giving

their voluntary services to their society was organized with the youth. 100 youth from different schools and colleges of Haflong participated in the workshop. Shri Ramkuiwangmba Newme, President, Haraka Association and renowned social activist, talked with the youth. A session on "Youth Volunteerism" was conducted by Shri Gulshan Gupta.

Two-day symposium on Adivasi Art and Culture for Promotion of Tribal Art and Culture in Santhal Pargana region in Pakur Jharkhand

Over 500 tribal and rural youth from all over Santhal Pargana region participated in the two-day symposium on "Adivasi Art and Culture for Promotion of Tribal Art and Culture in Pakur District of Jharkhand from March 23-24, 2017. The programme was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Shri Babudhan Murmu, Zila Parishad, Member from Pakur. During the inauguration, Panchayat Samity member Anaruddin Mian, prominent social worker Rubilal Tudu and Gram Pradhan Anthony Murmu were present. Senior member from Vikas Bharti Bishunpur, Ms. Ranjana Choudhary was also present. Also present on the occasion was eminent social worker Smt. Ms Aloka Devi.



A young participant speaks during the symposium in Pakur Jharkhand, as Padmashri Shri Ashok Bhagat (C) and others keenly listens.



Glimpses from the two-day symposium on 'Adivasi Art and Culture for promotion of Tribal Art and Culture' in Santhal Pargana region in Pakur, Jharkhand.

Speaking on the occasion Shri Babudhan Murmu appreciated the efforts of Vikas Bharti for initiating such unique programme. He stressed that these programmes will help in preserving, rejuvenating and displaying the traditional art and culture of tribals. He was quite concerned as due to the absence of such events the traditional rich heritage of the tribal is fading away. Tribal dances such as *Sohray Nritya*, *Donda Nritya*, *Dasayn Nritya*, *Laged Nritya* and *Baha Nritya* were other special highlights of the programme.

Sri Ashok Bhagat Secretary Vikas Bharati Bishunpur while interacting with the participants said that the adivasis were king in the past and still they are king in the society. Their rich cultural heritage needs to be shown all across the world, he asserted.

He further said that such events will help in:

- Exploring and analyze the status of various forms of tribal art & culture of this region.
- Influence of tribal art & culture on the socio-economic conditions.
- Logical and strategic mechanism for enhancing the skill of the practitioners of traditional Art & Culture
- Promoting and propagating tribal Art & Culture.

Adivasi Sanskriti Sangam at Hyderabad organised

The Samiti in association with Ekalavya Foundation at Hyderabad, organised a three-day "Adivasi Sanskriti Sangam" at *Dheerabhoomi, Jodeghat, Komurambheem Dist. Telangana State*. Tribal youth from Adilabad, Manchiryal



(Above): Rev. Swami Karya Siddheshwar Maharaj ji of Siddh Guri Gurukul Foundation, Kaneri Math addresses the gathering, as other distinguished members on the dais looks on. (Below): Enthusiastic participants from the community took part.

and Komaram Bheem districts had attended this programme. About 168 participants, covering 32 villages of three districts – that included 108 men and 60 women took part in the Sangam. Kolam, Gond, Thoti, Mannehar, Nayakapodulu and Pardan were the sub tribes that attended this programme. Rev Swami Karya Siddheshwar Maharaj ji of Siddh Gira Gurukul Foundation was the special guest at the programme. Shri Basant Singh former Advisor GSDS represented the Samiti in the programme.

The subjects that were discussed during the three-day programme included *Adivasi Arts, Patel System, Language, Dressing Style, Music Styles, Dances, Festivals, Handicrafts, Food Styles, Crops, Worshipping Styles and Tribal Acts.*



Participants break in their traditional dance during the programme as large number of men, women and children from the community appreciates the performance.

Besides imparting training on various aspects art exhibition was also conducted during the programme. The tribal life style were displayed in this exhibition, such as agricultural tools, musical instruments, Gussadi dressing style and their food items, etc.

Tribal Women participate in International Women’s Day Celebration

GSDS in association with Mahatma Gandhi Seva Ashram Jaora, Ekta Parishad and Ekta Mahila Manch, Malwa Region organised a special programme as part of the International Women’s Day on March 8, 2017. The programme was also an occasion to “recognise the incredible contribution of Tribal Women Leaders”. The programme was organised at the Mohankheda district, Dhar – Malwa, Madhya Pradesh. More than 350 women and men from three tribal dominated districts – Dhar, Jhabua and Alirajpur joined the celebration. Ms. Jill Carr Harris, founder member of Ekta Mahila Manch, Smt. Geeta Shukla, Research Officer, GSDS, Mr. Ransingh Parmar, National Convener, Ekta Parishad, joined together in inaugurating this day-long women empowerment programme by offering rich tributes to Kasturba Gandhi.

Speaking on the occasion, Ms. Shardha in her welcome address pointed out that Women’s Day is celebrated to rejoice the achievements and amazing struggle of women across the globe. Similarly, the Bhil and Bhilala women from Malwa region has also empowered themselves to safeguard their dignity and honour. She highlighted the issue of migration in the area and pointed out the hard struggle the women are facing for their survival. She commended the efforts of the ten (10) tribal women community leaders from Dhar, Jhabua and Alirajpur for their astonishing performances to strengthen the village level unit of Ekta Parishad and collectivizing community for raising their voices.

While lauding the efforts of the women power from the three tribal districts of Malwa region, Ms. Jill Carr Harish pointed that the Bhil and Bhilala were always the forerunners in various marches of Ekta Parishad because of its rich culture ornated with folk songs and dance. She



Community women take a peace march with the portrait of Mahatma Gandhi as part of the programme to raise awareness on issues concerning women.



Shri P. V. Rajagopal of Ekta Parishad speaks to the participants on the occasion.

further acknowledged the inspiring contribution of various women community leaders within Ekta Parishad like that of Narmada Behan from Betul, Late Sundari Behan from Katni and many others. She also appraised the gathering that 50 women leaders from 17 states were honoured during the International Women Conference held at Jalgaon, Maharashtra in October 2016.

Mr. Ransingh Parmar in his address remarked that while earlier International Women's Day was restricted to celebrations in urban areas, he was astonished to see the empowered women of the Malwa region who have begun the celebration in this remote part of the country. He asserted that women from this region – which is considered to be backward – have demonstrated incredible dynamism to fortify the non-violent movement as inspired by Mahatma Gandhi and Kasturba Gandhi.

Smt. Geeta Shukla, oriented the participants about the work of GSDS, and told that though Kasturba Gandhi was illiterate but she gave a tool of Satyagraha to Mahatma Gandhi by practicing silence and her power of tolerance. She also motivated the community leaders to educate the girl child for the development of the nation. She further oriented them on campaigns such as *Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao*. She stressed that a woman will be empowered in the true sense only when she will be empowered both socially as well as economically. She urged the women to collectively raise their voice against any form of injustice.

In his address to the gathering, Mr. Yashwant Bhandari (Advocate) who was a special guest, insisted that every woman must know about her constitutional rights and duties and must strive hard to get information and knowledge about her entitlement and rights under various constitutional laws and welfare schemes of the government. While informing that both men and

women are equal in the eyes of law, he stressed that women are also given 50 per cent reservation in Madhya Pradesh under the Panchayati Raj Act.

Ms. Archana Rathore, Member of District Legal Literacy Cell, Jhabua oriented

women leaders about various legal provisions and constitutional rights which empowers women to safeguard women's dignity.

Among others who spoke on the occasion included Ms. Kasturi, Regional Coordinator-Bundelkhand/Baghelkhand, Ekta Parishad who informed the she is working in 11 districts of the region having a very high feudalistic tendency where the marginalised communities are exploited by the feudal powers even today. Shanti Bai and Sugriv Bai, from Chikli Panchayat Dhar; Malu Bai, Kalmani Panchayat, Dhar; Radha Bai, Kirka Panchayat, Sardarpur in Dhar district; Sahju Bai, Piprani Panchayat; Jamna Bai, Keriya Panchayat; Tola Bai from Semliya Panchayat and others.

A play on 'Domestic Violence Against Women' by a group of Anganwadi Workers from Women and Child Development, Dhar district depicting protection of women against domestic violence was a big attraction of the programme, sending out the message of zero tolerance on violence against women.

Seminar on Women Empowerment and Role of Tribal Women in Safeguarding the Adivasi Culture in Tharu Region, Santhal Pargana

The Samiti in collaboration with Bhartiya Tharu Kalyan Mahasangh, Harnatand, West Champaran, Bihar organized a day-long seminar on "Women Empowerment and Role of Tribal Women in Safeguarding the Adivasi Culture" in Tharu Region, Santhal Pargana on March 28, 2017. 524 participants took part in the programme and deliberated on issues faced by the Adivasis. Issues on migration, land rights, PESA ACT, education, sanitation, etc focused during the seminar. Cultural programmes formed an integral part of the seminar. Shri Basant Singh, former Advisor GSDS took part in the programme along with Shri Pankaj Kumar Chaubey.



Programmes for Children

Understanding Gandhi – A discussion

An interaction with about ten children on different facets of Mahatma Gandhi's life was organized at Gandhi Darshan on May 25, 2016. The children were selected from ITIHAAS (Indian Traditions and Heritage Society) as part of the Summer Internship programme at National Gandhi Museum (as part of the "ITIHAAS Learning Modules, Leadership Programmes). Ms. Shashwati Jhalani, Sr. Librarian, GSDS and Mr. Rajdeep Pathak, Programme Executive, GSDS interacted with the children. Ms. Smita Vats, Founder Director, ITIHAAS was also present on the occasion.

Gandhi Summer School

About 60 children drawn from the slums of Burari Village took part in the ten-day Gandhi Summer School from May 18-27, 2016 in Gandhi Darshan. During this period, children took part in various activities such as charkha spinning, mime, music, pottery, gardening/horticulture, painting & comics, theatre and dance. The inaugural programme was graced by Shri Ramesh Sharma of Gandhi Peace Foundation and Shri A. Annamallai, Director, National Gandhi Museum.



The Valedictory function of the Summer School was organised on May 27, 2016 when the children showcased their creativity during cultural programme. Shri A Annamalai, Shri Ansar Ali, were the guests on the occasion.



An exhibition of the products created out of clay was showcased on the occasion along with paintings and comics made by the participants. Children performed self-composed songs on water conservation during the programme. A theatre performance



WORDS OF INSPIRATION:

1. Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan
2. Director NGM, Shri A. Annamallai
3. Eminent Gandhian, Shri Ramesh Sharma
4. Research Officer GSDS, Smt. Geeta Shukla
5. Librarian GSDS, Smt. Shashwati Jhanlani



LEARNING SKILLS:

Glimpses from the activities during the Gandhi Summer School that included gardening, horticulture, shramdaan, pottery making, etc.

on *Swachh Bharat* highlighting the necessity of cleanliness was another highlight of the programme. Dance presentations on the essence of patriotism caught the attention of everyone present on the occasion. A mime presentation on the melody of Indian colours and traditions was a special attraction of the programme.



The activities included theatre, hands on training to make pottery items, Mime, etc.



Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Shri A Annamalai felicitated the resource persons for their contribution in making the programme a success. The resource persons and coordinators who were recognised for their efforts were: Ms. Madhumita Roy Khan (theatre); Mr. Swapan Kumar Sarkar (Mime), Ms. Namrata, Ms. Renu and Ms. Shashi (pottery and charkha spinning);

Ms. Madhumita Khan Director Indu Arts Theatre and Film Society being felicitated by Shri A Annamallai and Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan.

Mr. Salil Das (Painting); Mr. Shivdutt (comics); Mr. Ganesh (dance); Mr. Dhanraj and Mr. Arvind (horticulture and gardening), Mr. Piyush, Mr. Sameer, Mr. Vivek (camp coordinator).

Workshop on Children and Peace-Building

About 65 children took part in the two-day workshop on "Children and Peace-Building" in Gandhi Darshan, from May 19-20, 2016. Children from two institutions – Centre for Social Security Action and Research, Subhash Nagar and Arya Bal Graha, Daryaganj took part in the workshop.

The overarching objectives of the workshop were to expose children to different dimensions of peace through different peace games and creative activities and to expose children to different tools of peace-building through creative activities.

The various sessions that were conducted during the workshop were:

- Ice-breaking session by Rakesh, Piyush and team
- Communication workshop by Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu
- Health and Sanitation conducted by Dr. Manju Aggarwal
- Poster-making by Mr. Shivdutt and Mr. Shyamlal
- Yoga for Peace – a lecture demonstration by Mr. Varun
- Session on *Peace Methodologies* by Shreya Jani.

Speaking at the inauguration of the workshop, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Director GSDS, underlined the importance of peace in today's world. He further pointed out the necessity of finding ways and means of peaceful reconciliation of conflicts.



(Above): Shri Gulshan Gupta NE Coordinator conducting the workshop; and (below): participating children displaying their certificates.

Group exercises and presentations formed an integral part of the two-day workshop. At the valedictory session of the workshop, the participants shared their experiences of different sessions. Children through their presentations raised issues on environment, sanitation, education, rights of the girl child, etc.

An open house was also conducted by Director GSDS in which from amongst the students President and Secretaries of *Moniya Clubs* were chosen. Mr. Nikhil a student from Class XI was chosen as the President and Mr. Bheem from Class IX, was chosen Secretary from Arya Bal Graha.

From CSSAR, Ms. Neha, (Class X), and Ms. Nisha (Class X) were chosen President and Secretary respectively of *Moniya Clubs* in their area under the aegis of the GSDS.

Creativity blooms at the 2nd Gandhi Summer School

About 75 children from the slums of Bela village behind Rajghat Power House and Delhi Gate took part in the 2nd Gandhi Summer School organised by the Samiti from June 1-10, 2016 in Gandhi Darshan. Involving children in creative activities such as mime, music, dance, theatre, pottery making with clay, healthcare, gardening, etc, the trainers at the summer school brought out the hidden talents of the participants.



Training in different activities such as mime, theatre, yoga, etc and their vivid presentations on social issues such as female foeticide, environmental conservation, were highlights of the 2nd Gandhi Summer School.



*1. Invocation is led by team from GSDS, as members on the dais join the prayer.
2. Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan felicitates Sh. SP Khandelwal, Principal KVIC at the inaugural function.*



3. Shri Dharamraj of GSDS training a student on spinning.

An exposure visit was also organised at the Khadi and Village Industries Commission run vocational training centre for the children. This was facilitated by Shri S P Khandelwal, Principal, KVIC. Further, a special effort was made keeping in view the health and hygiene of the children wherein they were taught the basics of health and sanitation.

The valedictory function of the summer school was organised on June 10 at Gandhi Darshan. This was graced by Ms. Kusum Shah, Secretary of *Sannidhi* along with Gandhian Ms. Veena Behen.

An extravaganza of creativity was displayed by the children and staff of GSDS who demonstrated their skills through plays, mime presentations, dance, theatre, songs, etc. Self composed songs on education, sanitation were special highlight of the programme. While a theatre performance on *Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao Abhiyaan* kept the laugh track of the audience alive till the end with their punch lines; the Mime on *Save the Forest* left everyone amazed and exhilarated.



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1. Felicitation of Km. Kusum Shah ji and Km. Indu Bala ji by Smt. Sangeeta Verma. Also seen is Km. Veena bahen (R) enjoying the moment.

2. Training in theatre by Shti Shyam Lal.

3. Children display their creativity in making idols as part of the training in pottery.

Selected participants were also awarded with prizes and mementos for their best performances.

The camp was coordinated by Shri Vivek Kumar along with Sameer, Piyush, Ms. Renu and Namrata. The resource persons at the camp included: Ms. Madhumita Roy Khan from *Indu Arts Theatre and Film Society* (theatre), Mr. Swapan Kumar Sarkar (Mime), Dr. Manju Aggarwal (Health and hygiene), Sameer Banarjee (Yoga); Ms. Renu and Ms. Namrata (Pottery), Mr. Dhanraj (Horticulture); (Shyamlal, Shivdutt), (Painting and Comics) Shashi and Dharamraj (Charkha Spinning).

During the programme about 85 patients were treated by Dr. Manju Aggarwal as part of the health camp organised on the occasion.

Be Peace-builders- Children urge their peers to volunteer to work for Peace

Eminent lyricist Gulzar in a message to children underscored about the importance of involving each and every child including children with disabilities in their mission for peace. He stressed on the significance of inclusion and inculcating values of mutual respect in the trust for peace. Gulzar shared his message to bring together children for peace for a workshop on *Children and Peace-building* organized by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, Arushi, Bhopal and The Peace Gong. The workshop was organized on July 2-3, 2016 in Bhopal.



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1. Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu Programme Officer GSDS conducting the training programme.

2. Participating children engaged in group exercise.
3. A child making a presentation on peace-building.
4. Group presentation during the programme.

The Chief Guest in the inaugural session, Shri Kripal Dhillon, retd. DGP, Punjab Police, shared his experiences of partition and the violence that resulted from it. "There is no alternative to peace and non-violent actions", he said while exhorting the children to leave aggressive behaviour.

As a follow-up the children decided to look at causes of conflicts in their institutions, families and the society and use their learning's to solve these through nonviolent means.

A major highlight of the workshop was the release of the Braille Edition and Talking Edition of Mahatma Gandhi's seminal book, **Constructive Programme**. It was done by Kanupriya Gupta (Class XII) and her team of the Peace Gong, a children's media platform and Arushi under the guidance of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti.

Delivering the welcome address, Kanupriya Gupta, Class XII from Carmel Convent school and Editor of the The Peace Gong said, "In midst of conflicts of different kinds in our society, peace is not we should wish for but seriously work for it," She called upon the children to be peacebuilders and contribute to resolve conflicts in their families, schools and the society at large. As Mahatma Gandhi had said it was important to reach out to each and every individual to establish peace, Kanupriya said, "We are all peacebuilders. We need to be sensitive to reasons of conflicts and then engage ourselves to resolve in our own small ways. We need to refrain from negative stereotypes and not harbour ill-will amongst each other."

The objectives of these workshops include:

- *Introduce children to Gandhian approach to peace, non-violence and conflict resolution.*
- *Developing understanding of how children can respond to different conflicts in day-to-day life*
- *Developing capacities amongst children of how to use different tools of communication, techniques of conflict resolution, negotiation and mediation for peace-building.*

During the workshop, the children were trained about importance of peace, the nature of conflicts and violence in the society and the world, the art of communication for peace, negotiation and mediation, using creative arts for peace-building and the techniques of conflict



Shri Kripal Dhillon, Rtd. DGP, Punjab Police is seen speaking to the children during the workshop.

resolution. The children were told that mutual trust, preparedness to discuss the problem collectively with open mindedness, tendency to examine and change one's own belief i.e. flexibility is required to escape conflict.

Prof T K Thomas, Chairman of the Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore Foundation, New Delhi asked the children to practically adopt the non-violent methods of Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King and Nelson Mandela. He said children could be peacebuilders by learning from the examples of these apostles of peace. He shared with the children the leadership qualities of Mahatma Gandhi and how children could imbibe these.

Prof Thomas said Mahatma Gandhi's concept of peace is a broad one. For him peace emerged from a way of life. Therefore for Gandhi, peace is intimately linked up with justice, development and environment.

Dr Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer, GSDS during his session on nonviolent communication said, the most fundamental principle of Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy of peace is "Ahimsa" or nonviolence which is the law of love, life and creation as opposed to violence or Himsa, the cause of hatred, death and destruction. According to Gandhiji, the universal human value of Ahimsa ought to be cultivated not merely at a personal level, but at social, national and international levels too if we wish to avoid personal, social, national and international conflicts. It is a very powerful means to avoid conflict, since it springs from an inner realization of the equality of all human beings. It is absence of intention of injuring, harming, disturbing and agonizing opponents.

During the two days workshop the children developed their own *Manual on Peace-building*. The children's manual reflects their views on peace and how to resolve conflicts through non-violent action. Through different case studies, children learnt the art of dialogue and how to initiate dialogues to resolve conflicts. They were told about the Gandhian approach of negotiating with one's adversaries and the importance of win-win situations for all in times of conflicts. The children were taught to develop communication strategies for peace.

Three-day children's workshop on Nature-Human-Wildlife Mutual Co-existence

The Samiti organized a three-day children's workshop on *Nature-Human-Wildlife Mutual Co-existence* at Chunar, Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh from July 27-29, 2016. The programme was held at Satyanarayan Hanuman Prasad Poddar Higher Secondary School, Chunar, Mirzapur. 195 students of two schools took part in the workshop.



A participant shares his views on mutual co-existence (above), as participating children are all ears (below).

The workshop was inaugurated by Shri Harish Chandra Tripathi, Lecturer at Robertsganj Sanskrit Mahavidyalay, Sonbhadra. He spoke on the notion of *Nature-Human-Wildlife Mutual Co-existence* in Bharatiya Culture.

A session on *Peace Building* was conducted by Shri Gulshan Gupta. All 195 students were divided into 16 groups in the third session. Every group decided their group name and group leader. Different topics were given to each group for discussion.

On the second day on July 28, Shri Shruti Bhushan Mishra, Principal, Kishorilal Jalan, Senior Secondary School, Dagmagpur, Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh motivated students to be sensitive in the context of Nature and Wildlife, by telling them many short slogans like- "*Vriksh Dhara ke Bhushan hain - Karte Dur Padushan Hain*".

A power-point presentation on *Volunteerism for Constructive Work* by Mr. Gulshan Gupta drew the children's attention and curiosity.

Shri Amit Kumar conducted a session on *Role of Children in Environment Protection*.

In the third session all the students took part in the group activity.

On the last day of the workshop on July 29, a power-point presentation on *Nature-Human-Wildlife Mutual Co-existence* was presented by the monitor from GSDS, Mr. Gulshan Gupta. Group activity and group preparations formed part of this session.

At the valedictory session, all the 16 groups made their presentations. In his valedictory speech, Shri Jatashankar, senior social activist and trustee of *Surabhi Shodh Sansthan* addressed the children and appreciated their work and welcomed their spirit to save nature and to love animals which they showed in their presentations.

Inter-School Vande Mataram Rolling Trophy Musical Competition organised

About 140 students from different schools of Delhi, NCR and Sonapat took part in the inter-school Vandemataram Rolling Trophy musical competition of self-composed, self-written songs on the theme of "*Water Conservation*". The inter-school competition was organised on August 20, 2016 at Gandhi Darshan.



Director GSDS Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan presents a basil (tulsi) plant to Smt. Urmil Wadhera, one of the judges at the competition.



Glimpses from the musical competition on "Water Conservation" in progress in Gandhi Darshan.

The winning team that took home the *Vandemataram Rolling Trophy 2016* for children was Delhi Public School, Mathura Road.

The Second Prize was won by Birla Vidya Niketan, Pushp Vihar. **The Third Prize** went to East Point School, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad.

Four appreciation prizes to the following schools – Hansraj Model School; Greenfields School; Indraprastha International School, Dwarka and Guru Tegh Bahadur 3rd Centenary Public School.

Workshop on Nature Human-Wildlife-Mutual Coexistence

The Samiti organized a two day workshop on the theme 'Nature Human-Wildlife-Mutual Coexistence' at Pratapgarh Uttar Pradesh on August 20-21, 2016 among the schools of Pratapgarh, U.P. Around 225 students from six schools in Pratapgarh participated in the programme. Shri Brijesh Sharma, ex-minister U.P. Government, Ajay Krantikari, Chief of Paryavaran Sena, Shri Prof. Vidvan Singh and others took part in the programme.

The following points emerged:

- We must live in harmony with nature.
- Peaceful coexistence and harmonious relation with nature must be the prime motto of our lives.
- Drought, fury of floods, bursting of clouds,

earthquake, volcanic eruptions, etc are the violent forms of anger shown by the Mother Nature.

- Forests, lakes, rivers, animals and birds, all should be treated equally with man because they are complementary to each other.
- Damage or destruction of one of them would invite the downfall of the other.



Activities during the workshop in progress in Pratapgarh, Uttar Pradesh.

Music rehearsals for Gandhi Jayanti

The rehearsals for the Gandhi Jayanti celebrations with almost 14 schools of Delhi and children from other states took place during September 14, 24, 26, 29, 30 and October 1st. Songs of national integration from Kargil and Assam and songs of poetic master Kabir formed part of the rehearsals. Almost 400 students took part in the rehearsals and the Gandhi Jayanti programme.

Children and youth from The Peace Gong, Kargil; The Peace Gong Bhopal; Chunar, Uttar Pradesh and Haflong, Assam took part in the programme. The training was coordinated by Shri Sudhanshu Bahuguna of Swar Trishna.



Value Creation Camp organised

Almost 100 children and youth from Kargil, Uttar Pradesh and Assam took part in the ten-day Value Creation Camp organised by the GSDS from September 23 to October 3, 2016 during which they received various trainings.



1. Inauguration of the Value Creation Camp in Gandhi Darshan by Prof. T K Thomas (C) along with other distinguished guests.

2. Participating children lead the invocation.

3. Story writing workshop in progress.

Workshops on Story Writing (Sharmila Sinha) Pottery (Renu & Namrata), Handicraft (Rita), Puppetry (Rachna), Radio & Communication (Prof. T K Thomas); Mime (Swapan Kumar Sarkar), Theatre/Drama (Ms. Madhumita Khan), Charkha (Dharamraj & Vivek); Shramdaan; Global Education through Maps (Anupam Kaushik), Naturopathy (Dr. Manju Aggarwal), Photography and Videography (Shri Dharmendra), Music (Sudhanshu Bahuguna).



1. A training in videography in progress during the camp.

2. A participating child tries her hand on spinning the charkha.

3. A girl felicitates Prof. T. K. Thomas during the training programme.

4. Mrs. Sharmila Sinha is being felicitated by Shri Basant ji.

5. Shri Rajnish Kumar (L) and Shri Basant ji (R) felicitates a participating child for her enthusiasm during the Value Creation Camp.

Visits to the historical sites/monuments formed an integral part of the camp. The Valedictory programme was organised on October 3, with cultural presentations by all the four teams. Students also shared their experiences about their then-day camp.

**Putul Rang – Gandhi Sangh
Putul Utsav organised**

Over 400 children were exposed to the art of shadow puppetry and through that the simple, yet effective ideas of Mahatma Gandhi during the two-day Puppetry Festival (*putul utsav*) on the theme *Putul Rang – Gandhi Sangh*. The programme was organised in Gandhi Darshan on October 25-26, 2016 in association with Sangeet Natak Akademy. Ms. Rachna and Ms. Rita coordinated the programme.



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1. Ms. Rachna (L) from GSDS along with other guest participants lighting the lamp at the inauguration of the programme.



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2&3. Shadow puppetry on Gandhiji's life in progress in Gandhi Darshan.

On October 25, the children along with the staff of GSDS witnessed *Bapu Katha* directed by Shri Gorango Charan Das from Odisha. Further, Shri K K Ramchandra Pulawar from Kerala showcased his creativity through puppetry entitled *Gandhi Kuthu*.

On October 26, Shri Rajendra Kumar Srivastava from Kerala demonstrated the eternal philosophy of truth and non-violence through

this puppet presentation entitled *Satya Ahimsa Parmodharma*.

The philosophy of *Satyagraha* kept the audiences hooked to their seats as the puppets of Shri S. Chidambara Rao from Andhra Pradesh brought to life the eternal philosophy of Satyagraha.

Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer GSDS and Smt. Geeta Shukla, Research Officer, GSDS felicitated the artists.

A display of creativity by children

Several programmes as part of the Gandhi Jayanti celebrations such as programmes for children, seminar etc. were organised at Lucknow by the Uttar Pradesh Gandhi Smarak Nidhi in association with the Samiti.



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1. Hon'ble Governor of Uttar Pradesh, H. E. Shri Ram Naik at the commemorative programme during Gandhi Jayanti 2016.

2&3. Cultural performances by children made the prize distribution ceremony colourful.

The programme that began on October 2, 2016 at G P O Hajratanganj Park, as part of the Gandhi Jayanti celebrations, saw the participation

of local children, youth and adult. An inter-faith prayer meet was organised on the occasion. Shri Ram Naik, Hon'ble Governor of Uttar Pradesh led the participants in paying rich tributes to Bapuji.



Distinguished guests including Shri Basant ji and Shri Lal Bahadur Rai, along with the children during the prize distribution ceremony.

The day saw the inauguration of the painting competition for children at Gandhi Bhawan by eminent journalist Shri Ramdutt Tripathi. Almost 1500 children from 36 schools of the district took part.

On October 3, a musical competition and an essay writing competition was organised at the Gandhi Bhawan of Gandhi Smarak Nidhi. The programme was organised by the local MLA Shri Ramjatan Rajbhar. Almost 65 schools took part in the programme. Folk songs, skits on sanitation as part of Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan. A drama on *Gandhi Ek Vichar Hai, Woh Kabhi Marega Nahi* was also staged.

On October 4, a dance competition was organised which was inaugurated by Shri Ashfi Singh, Chairman, Khadi Ashram, Allahabad. Almost 48 schools took part in the competition for junior and senior categories respectively.

On October 12, the prize distribution ceremony was organised which was attended by Shri Basant ji former advisor to GSDS. Shri Lal Bahadur Rai, Secretary of U.P. Gandhi Smarak Nidhi was also present on the occasion.

Camp on Peace-Building reiterates children's role as peace-builders

The Samiti organized a two-day camp on *Peace-building for Children* in association with Acharya Kakasaheb Kalelkar Lok Sewa Kendra at Smt. H.G. Shrof High school. About 160 children from ten different schools took part in this camp.

Noted Gandhian, Dr. S N Subbarao, who was the chief guest on the occasion, also presided over the inaugural programme. Sh. Narendra Bhai, Mrs. Niranjana Kalarthi and others were presented in this programme. The programme was organized as a tribute to the 148th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and also as part of the celebrations to mark the 131st birth anniversary of Acharya Kaka Sahab Kalelkar.



(Above): Padmashri Dr. S N Subba Rao lighting the inaugural lamp at the camp along with other guests. GSDS representative Ms. Rachna and Ms. Reeta Kumari were also present.

(Below): Participating children in an awareness yatra (march) as part of the camp.

The camp was filled with various group activities, which was conducted by Ms. Reeta and Ms. Rachna representatives from the GSDS. As part of the group activities, the children participated in story writing and paintings on the theme *Nature-Human-Wildlife and their Mutual Co-existence*.

The highlight of this camp was a grand rally which was organized as part of the awareness campaign on *Beti Bachao Beti Padhao* and *Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan*. Prizes and certificates were distributed to the winners.

4-days Training Programme on Nature-Human-Wildlife Mutual Coexistence

The Samiti organized a four-day workshop in Naganur, Karnataka in association with the Town Panchayat, Naganur, ICAR-KVK Belgaum Tukkanatti and Gokak Shishu Panchayat from November 15-18, 2016. About 150 children and members of the corporators of Naganur took part.



(Above & Below): *Smt. Geeta Shukla giving away the GSDS certificate to a participant at the workshop in Gokak Shishu Panchayat in Karnataka.*

The programme was inaugurated by Mrs. Shobha B Babali, President, Town Panchayat, Naganur. Delivering the inaugural address Mrs. Shoba Babli pointed out the Gandhian concept of co-existence of nature – human – flora & fauna for a culture of peace and non-violence and how the young students and youth can contribute for nation development.

The keynote address was delivered by Mr M H Attar, Chief Officer, Town Panchayat. He spoke about Gandhian philosophy and sustainable rural development. The thematic note was delivered by Ms.Laila Saein, representing Waynad Shishu Panchayat, Kerala. Senior Gandhian Shri Basant spoke on the need of working in the village and know about the nature as Gandhiji had said. The Research Officer of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan

Samiti, Smt Geeta Shukla elaborated on the Gandhian perspective on ecology and mutual coexistence.

Different sessions on contemporary discourses on mutual coexistence, harmony with nature, how to integrate Gandhian perspective on ecology with sustainable development today and the role of children to promote mutual coexistence were organized.

Musical Rehearsals for January 30th Martyrdom Day programme

The Samiti organised the rehearsals for the children's musical tribute to Mahatma Gandhi as part of the 69th Martyrdom Day of the Father of the Nation on January 17, 20, 24, 27, 28, 29 with almost 500 children drawn from 15 different institutions of Delhi and NCR as well as children from three different states – Shillong, Meghalaya, Rajasthan and Jharkhand.



Children from different participating schools of Delhi and NCR and other states undertaking training in music for the Martyrdom Day 2017 programme.

The children, besides being imparted training on songs to be sung as a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi, were also oriented on the life's philosophy of the Mahatma. They also visited the Gandhi Smriti Museum and Sulabh International Social Service Organisation during their camp.

Value Creation Camp for children organised

100 children representing the BSF Sr. Secondary School, Shillong, Meghalaya, Vikas Bharati Bishunpur, Gumla, Jharkhand and Jal Bhagirathi Foundation, Jodhpur, Rajasthan took part in the Value Creation Camp organised in Gandhi Darshan from January 23, 2017 to February 1, 2017. *The Value Creation Camp was dedicated to noted Gandhian and Environmentalist, Late Shri Anupam Mishra.*

During the 11-day camp the children participated in various activities that included: Prayer and Yoga, Shramdaan, Charkha Spinning,

Diary Writing, Craft-making, games, musical training programme and cultural activities of each group.



1. Zen artist, Shri Hiroshi Miamato from Japan along with children from Jharkhand and others lighting the lamp at the inauguration of the camp in Gandhi Darshan.

2. Director GSDS, presenting a charkha to Padmashri Shri Ashok Bhagat.

3. Puppetry making was one activity of the training programme of the camp.

Group exercises formed part of the camp which began with an ice-breaking session conducted by Shri Sopan Joshi on *Environment*, Ms. Madhumita Khan on *Theatre* and Shri Kanhaiya on *Puppetry*.



FOR THE NATION:
Director GSDS Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan takes a Guard of Honour (above) from the participating children (below) after hoisting the Tri Colour during the camp on the occasion of the 68th Republic Day on January 26, 2017.



During the camp, Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan hoisted the Tri-Colour to mark the 68th Republic Day celebrations on January 26, 2017 in Gandhi Darshan where the children made a few cultural performances.

During the camp the children were also taken to various Gandhian organisations and they paid their tribute at Gandhi Samadhi, Rajghat on January 30th in the morning inter-faith prayer meet.

The children displayed their talents during the experience sharing sessions at the "Valedictory Function" of the Value Creation Camp on February 1, 2017 at Gandhi Darshan. Cultural performances by groups were special highlight of the programme. Phanishwar Nath 'Renu's' play *Punchlet*; dance drama on Rabindranath Tagore's *Chandalika* and the cultural extravanza from Rajasthan and Jharkhand were special highlight of the programme. Renowned singer, Smt. Sukriti Sen Bhattacharjee and Smt. Manjushree Mishra (wife of Late Shri Anupam Mishra) were the distinguished guests on the occasion.

The Heartbeat – Drama therapy for Special Children

The Samiti in association with Koshish Special School, Vikalang Sahara Samiti; Centre for Autism and Anukriti Special organised a workshop – Drama Therapy for Special Children. About 200 children took part in the workshop. The workshop was conducted by theatre specialist, Shri Kanhaiya Lal Rathore from February 22 to March 2, 2017.



ENDURING SPIRIT: Children with special abilities perform at the valedictory function of “The Heartbeat” festival on ‘drama therapy’.

Sharing his experiences about the workshop, Shri Kanhaiya Lal Rathore said that he believes that theatre provides these special children with joy and energy and is a very strong therapeutic effect on them, giving them a channel to express their feeling. The plays presented by the children are spontaneously prepared and not based on pre-written scripts. Children presented four plays spread over two days – March 1 and 2 and got a stupendous response.

The workshop concluded with performances by these special children at the LTG auditorium in the two day-cultural programme on March 1-2, where the children displayed their unique talents.

“Such workshops for special children, does not merely include games. It includes breathing techniques, yoga, music, dance, and playing of

musical instruments. Through role plays and experimenting with alternative behaviours and strategies, these students learn to deal with social situations which increase their understanding and assertiveness. It helps them develop new skills by broadening the range of expression and feelings”, says Sh. Kanhaiya.

“Theatre can help differently abled children a lot to recover. Plays help cultivate the habit of cooperation in them. Parents heave a sigh of relief on seeing the progress achieved by these children,” emphasised Kanhaiya.”

Gandhi Quiz organized

As part of the Rashtriya Ekta Shivir being organized in association with Nehru Yuva Kendra from March 16-20, 2017, the Samiti organized a Gandhi Quiz for the participating students and youth which was attended by over 250 participants from different parts of the country.



Participants are seen taking the Gandhi Quiz written examination in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.

The first prize went to three participants – Ms. Bina Rajbhar, Vikas Kumar Vijay and Neetu Bagh. Ms. Poonam Gupta received the second prize and Shri Manish Wadhwa won the third

prize. Books on and by Mahatma Gandhi were given as prizes to the winners.

Skill Development Workshop for Children from Marginalised Society

The Samiti in collaboration with Vishnu Prabhakar Pratisthan and Ang Madad Foundation organized a workshop for children from the marginalized sections of the society. The theme of the workshop was "Skill development Training and Child Rights". The workshop was held at Dokania Dharmshala, Banka, Bihar, on January 20, 2017. A large number of participants took part in the deliberations.

The main speakers included Sh. Ramakant Rai, child rights worker; Sh. Ramesh Sharma, Senior Gandhian; Sh. Prasoon Latant, senior journalist and other distinguished people from the cross sections of society. The workshop was chaired by senior Gandhian writer Ms. Sujata Chaudhary.



Distinguished guests that included senior Gandhians, journalists, people from the civil societies are seen distributing certificates of appreciation to the participants as an encouragement.

well as nation's betterment. Child Labour should be abandoned, so that children grow up in the right way in the right atmosphere.

Ms. Sujata Chaudhary mentioned the fact about how Mahatma Gandhi made women ready for their public roles in society and strengthened their social position.

Sh. Atul Prabhakar said his foundation is working to improve the condition of children in Ang Pradesh. Sh. Prasoon Latant said that children are very special and unique and we need to nurture and cherish them. "Bacche man ke sacche" was the running theme of the workshop.



Participants are seen taking part in the workshop organised by the Vishnu Prabhakar Pratisthan in Dharamshala, Banka, Bihar.

The chief speaker Sh. Rai said that although there are many agreements relating to child rights, but very little practical implementations are happening. Children have to be given their full rights in every sphere of life for their own as





Programmes for Youth

Gandhi Youth Camp organized

Youth from five districts of Western Odisha participated at the five-day *Gandhi Youth Camp* at Gudvella in Bolangir district of Odisha from March 31 to April 4, 2016. The youth represented the districts of Bolangir, Sonapur, Kalahandi, Nuapada and Kandhamal all tribal dominated and disadvantaged districts of Odisha. The camp was organised by the GSDS in association with Vinoba Seva Pratisthan (VSP).

The camp was inaugurated by Ramdatta Bhoi, BDO; Shri Om Prakash Sahoo, Guvella High School Head Master; Shri Ghanasyam Pradhani, Sadbhavana Kendra President and eminent tribal leader, Shri Ashok Dora, member Zilla Parishad and others. Shri Sankar Prasad Panigrahi, Coordinator of VSD and Shri Manoj Jena General Secretary of VSP.

The objective of the camp was:

1. To familiarize youth leaders with Mahatma Gandhi in tradition, value and practices.
2. To educate the duties of a youth towards the society as enshrined in the Constitution.
3. To promote respect and love and inter-faith understanding among the youth in order to break down the barriers built over the years on religion, caste, class, gender and regional differences.
4. To find out innovative ways of promoting social harmony, non-violence and freedom from fear.
5. To endeavour to infuse the spirit of Gandhian Constructive works deep into the prevailing social, cultural, economic and political life of the society
6. To develop various skills among youth to envisage the Gandhian concept of Swadeshi and Gram Swaraj.



Gandhi Youth Camp in Odisha in progress.

Group presentations formed an integral part of the camp in which the youth actively participated. Sessions on leadership development formed part of the group exercises

The different sessions included:

1. Understanding Gandhi –Manoj Jena;
2. Forest vs Tribals life and livelihood – Kulamani Sahoo, Convenor, District Forest Rights Forum;

3. Fundamental Rights & Duties of a Youth – Mr. Debendra Bag, Dist Human Rights Monitor;
4. Dignity of Women – Ms. Sagarika Hota, Women Rights Activist
5. Safe Health Practice – Dr. Nilamani Mohapatra, Medical Officer, CHC, Gudvella.
6. Role of Media for Community Development – Bidhan Chandra Bal, Journalist
7. Skill Development for Employment – Lokanth Mohapatra, Technical Expert
8. Organic Agriculture & youth – Om Prakash Sharma, Agricultural Scientist

The valedictory session was organised on April 4, 2016, in which local MLA, Mrs. Tunni Sahoo was the chief guest. Mr. Ramesh Chandra Singdeo Principal, Tusra College, Mr. Ramesh Pradhan, Chairman of Gudvella Panchayat Samiti, Mr. Ramadatt Bhoi, BDO Gudvella were present on the occasion.

Two-day Youth Volunteerism for Constructive Work

About 90 youth from different areas of Delhi and NCR took part in a two-day residential workshop on *Youth Volunteerism for Constructive Work* was organized in Gandhi Darshan on May 30-31, 2016. Amongst the youth who participated were also the Volunteer Guides working in the GSDS Museum who attended the workshop on May 30. The workshop was inaugurated by Shri Laxmi Dass, Vice President, Harijan Sevak Sangh. Present on the occasion were Dr. Apoorva Shinde, Director, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, Delhi Region, Dr. Ramniwas Prasher from Vedanta Ayurveda (Ayurveda Treatment Centre); Shri Praveen Sharma, Editor, *Bharatiya Dharohar*.



Speakers at the workshop on “Youth Volunteerism for Constructive Work” share their ideas with the participants.



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1. Shri Laxmi Dass speaking to the youth participants.
2. Former VC GSDS, Smt. Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee with Director GSDS Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan and Programme Officer, Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu
3. Group presentations by the participants.

Welcoming the dignitaries and the participating youth, Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan highlighted the necessity of volunteerism in society. Calling Mahatma Gandhi as one of the biggest volunteer the world has ever produced, Shri Gyan called upon the youth to take time out of their daily schedule to contribute voluntarily towards the welfare of the society.

Shri Laxmi Dass who was the guest of honour on the occasion said that in order to gain experience over something one has to learn and practice it. He also stressed upon observation, enthusiasm and spirit of learning for becoming an active and alert volunteer.

Through participatory method, the students were oriented into different facets towards volunteerism for constructive work. Group presentations by the participants contributed towards their development.

Students also took part in activities like *shramdaan*, yoga, prayer, etc that formed part of the two-day workshop.

A session on *Water and Sanitation* and how youth could volunteer in it was conducted by author and environmentalist Shri Sopan Joshi. Shri Gulshan Gupta conducted a session on *Youth Volunteerism*. Smt. Geeta Shukla and Smt. Shashwati Jhalani spoke on different facets related to Mahatma Gandhi's life and philosophy.

The valedictory session was graced by the guest of honour, Smt. Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee, former Vice-Chairperson, GSDS. Speaking to the children, she drew references from her grandfather's (Mahatma Gandhi's) life and how he motivated millions to participate voluntarily in the struggle for India's independence. Smt. Bhattacharjee further called upon the participants to join community services to further the cause of social and community work. She hoped that the youth would go to their respective communities to motivate others to contribute for social causes.

On this occasion, Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan felicitated and honoured Smt. Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee, for being recognized by the Government of France as *Officer in the Order of Arts and Letters* for her outstanding contribution to the promotion of peace, solidarity, culture, education and development through her commitment to perpetuating the spirit and legacy of Mahatma Gandhi.

Workshop on Youth in Peace-Building

A two-day workshop on "Youth and Peace Building" was organised by the Samiti in association with *Mahila Shishu Kalyan Sansthan Evam Hast Shilp Kala Prashikshan Kendra at Gopalganj, Bihar* at Urdu College on May 30-31, 2017. Dr. C P Singh inaugurated the workshop. Mohd. Wasim, the coordinator of the programme on behalf of the Samiti welcomed the distinguished

gathering and introduced the programmes and objectives of the GSDS to the participants.



Participants at the workshop on 'Peace building' in Gopalganj, Bihar.

The other participants on the occasion were: Prof. Mohan Lal Singh, Amritanjay Kumar, Prof. Ali Hassan, Dr. Zakir Hussain, Prof. Arun Kumar Tiwari, Dr. Vipin Dev and Shri Sanjay Kumar. About 100 people took part in the two day workshop.

Two-day workshop on Youth Volunteering for Constructive Work



A role play by the participants at the workshop is being viewed by the senior resource persons (above) as other participating youth (below) are in rapt attention.

A two-day workshop on "Youth Volunteering for Constructive Work" was organised by the Samiti at Swami Vivekananda College, Bundelkhand on June 2-4, 2016. About 100 participants took part

in the workshop. Some school students and their parents also took part in the workshop. Present at the inauguration ceremony were: Shri Umesh Chandra Gaur, Chairman, CCBOS; Dr. Babu Lal Tiwari, Principal, Swami Vivekananda College, Programme Officer GSDS, Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu and Shri Gulshan Gupta, North East Coordinator.

The different sessions conducted by the Programme Officer GSDS, Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu and Shri Gulshan Gupta, North East Coordinator during the two-day workshop included *Volunteerism; Strategy: Plan of Action for Social Work; Effective Communication*.

Group exercises formed part of the two day workshop where the students took part actively and chose various topics such as: 'Fast Food: Fast Death'; 'Domestic Violence: Women Molestation'; 'Problem and solution of Electricity in the village' and 'Swasth Bharat'.

The valedictory session of the two-day workshop was attended by Dr. Babu Lal Tiwari. As part of the *World Volunteering Day* on June 5, 2016, the group of school students planted saplings of trees around the campus and their respective areas.

Capacity building Programmes for Social Reform Organisations



Sessions as part of the capacity building programme in progress in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.

The Samiti organised a two-day capacity building programme on *Youth Volunteerism* in Gandhi Darshan on July 15-16, 2016. The programme organised in association with Indian Social Responsibility Network (ISRN) aimed towards improving the efficiency, transparency, credibility of social reform organisations and to create awareness. Around 60 participants took part in the programme.

The programme was graced by Shri G. R. Raghavender, Jt. Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India; Shri Ravindra Sathe, Executive Director, Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini (RMP); Shri Santosh Gupta, CEO ISRN; Shri Rajesh Balani, Senior Finance Officer, CPA Services; Prof. Rajeev Sharma, Birla Institute of Management Technology (BIMTECH); Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Director, GSDS and others.

The programme focussed on key issues related to management and finances. Sessions on the art of writing proposals was another highlight of the programme. Discussions on social media and how social reform organisations could use the tools for brand building and highlighting issues of the community among stakeholders also took place.

Experience sharing by participants formed another highlight of the programme. The other speakers in this programme included Ms. Mayuri Misra, Assistant Director, NFCSR, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India, Dr. Jatinder Singh, Sr. Secretary, Innovation CSR, Education & Skill Development Committee.

Interaction Programme for Empowering Youth on Gandhian Philosophy and Contemporary Social Development Challenges

About 50 students from the North Eastern state of Meghalaya took part in an interaction on *Empowering Youth on Gandhian Philosophy and Contemporary Social Development Challenges* in Gandhi Darshan on July 16, 2016. The interaction was led by Prof. T. K. Thomas, eminent broadcaster and Chairman Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore Foundation.

The programme was organised in association with Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, Zonal Office, Alipur, Delhi. Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan; Director NYKS Delhi Zone, Shri Apoorva Shinde Programme Officer GSDS,



Workshop on Youth Volunteerism for Constructive Work and Social Leadership

About 110 participants and their coordinators took part in the two-day *Workshop on Youth Volunteerism for Constructive Work and Social Leadership* organised in Gandhi Darshan on July 29-30, 2016. Students from Delhi University, ISST Saathi Centre, Rosary Foundation actively took part in the workshop. The workshop was inaugurated by senior Gandhian, Shri Ramesh Sharma along with Director GSDS, Dipanker Shri Gyan. The programme was coordinated by Rajdeep Pathak, Programme Executive.



Sessions of the part of interactive programme with participants from Meghalaya in progress. (Above): Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, leads the discussion, as Prof. T K Thomas and Shri Apoorva Shinde looks on.

Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu took part. The participants thoroughly interacted with the guests on various issues ranging from child rights, to role of media in peace and conflict resolution and role of youth in the society.

The following were the objectives of the discussion:

- Providing opportunities to the youth to broaden their national view and to cultivate a spirit of cooperation, mutual respect and appreciation for different cultures and customs prevalent within the country;
- Exchanging ideas and experiences with their counterparts from other regions which may lead to deeper understanding, mutual learning and growth.

The participants were apprised on how they could contribute their 100 hours towards voluntary services for the country. It was felt that even on holidays the youth could volunteer for their community on issues of health, etc.



1. Shri Ramesh Sharma, along with Sh. Dipanker Shri Gyan and the staff of GSDS at the inauguration of the workshop.

2&3. Ms. Sunita Godara and Ms. Sharmila Bhagat, senior resource persons at the workshop.

4. Group presentations was an essential feature of the workshop.

Speaking at the interactive session, Shri Ramesh Sharma cited examples of Hindu mythological character *Nachiketa*, and said that youth today is more concerned with them, with less curiosity and that they do not bother about other's problems. He asked the youth to develop self study and research habits which will enhance their knowledge. He further lamented that even though India has lot of resources, still the country is suffering from poverty as the resources are not being utilised properly.

Speaking to the participants, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan while focussing on the principles of Mahatma Gandhi – the value of truth and non-violence referred to the 'charkha' as the 'magical instrument' to build up one's concentration. He further emphasised on the importance of time and said that out of the 24 hours in a day, each of us should use it effectively and constructively. He further asked the youth to take advantage from social media such as 'Whatsapp' and 'Facebook'

Questions pertaining poverty and malnutrition, freedom struggle, controversies surrounding Mahatma Gandhi were raised by the participants.

The different sessions that were organised during the two-day workshop were:

1. *Understanding Self and Negotiation and Mediation* – by Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan
2. *How to be an Effective Communicator* – by Prof T K Thomas, Chairman, Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore Foundation
3. *Culture Community and Creativity (Sharing & generating knowledge)* – by Ms. Sharmila Bhagat, Director Ankur Society for Alternative Education
4. *How to be an Effective Volunteer* – by Ms. Sunita Godara, Asian Marathon Champion and Director Health Fitness Trust and
5. *Community Mobilisation through Voluntary Participation* – by Ms. Paramjeet Kaur, Director Right to Shelter (Ashray Adhikar Abhiyaan)

The speakers unanimously reiterated the fact that volunteers should never think that they have no value of their work. They should know the importance of their work and also the value of time management. They should focus on the problems of the society and tackle it.

Group exercises and group presentations formed an integral part of the workshop where the participants besides

presenting their views and opinions about the problems they face, also performed skits, modules/strategies of awareness campaigns on female foeticide, violence against women, child trafficking, drug abuse. The presentations were made at the valedictory session which was also attended by Ms. Sunita Godara, Ms. Paramjeet Kaur and Ms. Geeta Shukla, Research Officer, GSDS.

Workshop of young volunteers for Gandhian Constructive Work and Social Entrepreneurship

The Samiti organized a two-day workshop of young volunteers for Gandhian Constructive Work and Social Entrepreneurship in IIT, BHU, Varanasi on July 30-31, 2016. The workshop was organized in association with the Malviya Centre for Innovation, Incubation and Entrepreneurship (MCIE), IIT (BHU). About 100 participants took part in the workshop.

Different sessions were organized which were aimed at orienting the participants on different aspects of Gandhian constructive work, volunteerism for constructive work, the essence of social entrepreneurship and how young people take up social entrepreneurship. Several individuals who are involved in social entrepreneurship were invited to share their experiences on how they are able to contribute to the society.

Prof P K Mishra, Head of Chemical Engineering Department, IIT, BHU conducted a session on challenges to social entrepreneurs in contemporary society. Prof Priyankar Upadhyay, UNESCO Chair in the Malviya Centre for Peace Research, BHU spoke on Gandhian Constructive Work and Trusteeship.

Dr Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer, GSDS conducted a session on volunteerism and how to be an effective volunteer to take up constructive work. Prof H K Singh, Faculty of Commerce, BHU spoke on the do's and don'ts of social entrepreneurship.

Workshop on Youth Volunteerism and Constructive work

This programme was organised by the Samiti at Vasundhara Science Centre, Nerur Sindhudurg, Maharashtra in association *Lupin Human Welfare and Research Foundation, Sindhudurg* on August 8-10, 2016.

101 students took part in the two-day workshop that was inaugurated by Shri. Karya Siddheshwar Swamiji of Kanheri Math near Kolhapur. Also present on the occasion were Shri. Basantji, Chairman of "National Craftsman Manch" and Shri. Sudhakar Singh ji, an Educationist and active politician and from Bihar. Dr. Vedabhyash, Convenor of the workshop, Programme Manager of Lupin Foundation Shri. Yogeshji Prabhu were also present.

The different sessions were:

- i. **Relevance of Gandhi in 21st Century** – by Kumar Kalanand Mani
- ii. **Documentary on Waste Management & Discussion** – by Shri Narayan Parab
- iii. **Gandhiji's views on Addiction** - Dr. Anil Nerurkar
- iv. **Naturopathy & Gandhian Values** - Dr. Mrs. Rasika Vidyadhar Karambalekar
- v. **Developing Scientific Attitude** - Shri Sandesh Gosavi
- vi. **Volunteerism and Effective Communication** – by Dr. Vedabhyashji Kundu
- vii. **Documentary on University of Life & Talk on Sustainable livelihood** – by Shri. Sachin Desai
- viii. **How to become successful entrepreneur** by Shri Mohan Hodavadekar



Rev. Swami Karya Siddheshwar Maharaj ji (L), Shri Basant ji (C) along with others at the inauguration of the workshop.

Group presentations on different social issues were another highlight of the programme. Field visits to KONBAC *Kokan Bamboo Care & Development Centre* and Sfurti were also organised.



Participants visiting the 'Kokan Bamboo Care and Development Centre' as part of their field work.

Training Camp for Youth on Naturopathy, Yoga and Community Health

A 15-day residential training camp for *Youth on Naturopathy, Yoga and Community Health* was organised at Gandhi Mission Trust, Daspur campus, Gandhi Mission Trust in collaboration with Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, New Delhi.

The theme of the training programme was chosen as a part of campaign for regular Yoga practice, value of Yoga in community health services and impact of naturopathy treatment in our life. The focus of this training programme was to explore how Yoga and Naturopathy independent as well as in combination with Modern Medicine and other Ayush systems can complement each other in order to provide best solutions for the management of the major non communicable diseases.



Training camp on 'Yoga and Naturopathy' in progress in West Bengal.

Mr. Pinaki Ranjan Pradhan, Sub-divisional officer graced the occasion as the chief guest. The others who were present on the occasion included: Mr. Shankar Dolai, MLA, Ghatal, Mr. Panchanan Mondal, Zila Swastha Karmadakshya, Paschim Medinipur, Mr. Bikash Kar, Siksha Karmadakshya, Paschim Medinipur.

The others who attended the programme were: Dr. Jitendranath Roy; Chairman of Gandhi Mission Trust; Prof. Prashanta Samanta; Chairman, SGBK; Mr. Alok Kumar Ghosh, Eminent Senior Journalist & President Ghatal Mahakuma Peoples Forum; Dr. Punit Mallik, Secretary, Gandhi Smriti Prakritik Chikitsha Samiti, and Mr. Sunil Dutta, Yoga Teacher.

The speakers appreciated the efforts of the organizers and felt that such orientation programmes generate a great level of awareness. Mr. Bikash Kar speaking on the occasion assured us to help and launch of yoga training programme at all district primary schools.

Gandhiji's Perspective: Village Development & Constructive Work

The programme was organised at *Nai Talim Ashram Premises Sewagram Wardha* in association with *Akhil Bhartiya Nai Talim Samiti, Sewagram on August 19-23, 2017*. 52 youth participated in the youth camp from the rural areas.



Shri Vivek Kumar of GSDS speaks to the children about the activities of the Samiti during the programme.



The aim & objectives of this camp was to create awareness & motivate youth for on Gandhi's view of constructive work & village development, to understand concept of nonviolent & sustainable society, sensitizing about dignity of labour, about local problem of the society in general and youth in particular from the view point of Nai Talim.

Dr. Sujan Baranth (President, Akhil Bharatiya Nai Talim Samiti - ABNTS), spoke on Gandhiji's view on *Gram Swarajya, Gram Sabha & Gram Vikas*.

Dr. Manoj Kumar (Director, Mahatma Gandhi & Fuji Guruji Social Work dept., MGAHV): Understanding & Reading Gandhi in today's context: Need to understand Gandhiji's views.

Workshop Programme Nature, Human, Wildlife – Mutual coexistence

To inculcate consciousness among the youth about the increasing tirade against the environmental pollution and eco-imbalance, the Samiti in collaboration with CCBOS, organized a two-day workshop on the theme '*Nature, Human, Wildlife – Mutual coexistence*' on August 27-28, 2016 at Dev Sanskriti Vishvidyalaya (D.V.S.S), Haridwar.

Around 200 students from D.V.S.S. and adjoining areas participated in the workshop. The main speakers included Shri Sharad Pardhi, V.C. D.V.S.S. Dr. Chinmay Pandya, Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu Programme Officer, GSDS, Smt. Geeta Shukla, Research Officer, GSDS Dr. Sushil Bhadula-DVCC, Dr. K.S. Tyagi- DVCC, Shri Abhijeet Bhattacharya, National Green Tribunal.

Youth Training Programme for Nature-Human-Wildlife Mutual Co-existence

About 120 participants from different institutions and tribal population took part in the two-day *Youth Training Programme for Nature-Human-Wildlife Mutual Co-Existence* organised by the Vinoba Seva Pratishtan at Red Cross Bhawan in Odisha on September 29-30, 2016.



Shri Manoj Jena (R) leading a youth group to a field visit during the training programme.

Eminent freedom fighter Shri Bhabani Charan Pattnayak inaugurated the programme. State Director of NSS, Pradipta Pattanaik, Acting Zonal Director of NYK Smt. Rita Bhagat, State Information Commissioner, Jagadananda, former NHRC Joint Registrar A K Parashar were present on the occasion. Former member of State Commission for Women, Namrata Chadha chaired the inaugural session.

Speakers at the thematic sessions included:

- Prof. Radhamohan: *Understanding Mutual Coexistence and its challenges;*
- Dr. Rina Routray: *Environment: Coexistence of nature-human-wildlife;*
- Shri Barendra Kumar: *Youth Perspective and responsibility on mutual co-existence*
- Shri Sudarshan Das: *Water Conservation and health of river;*
- Dr. D B Hrudaya: *Mindless Mining Vs Sustainable Development;*
- Shri Gobinda Das: *Eco Development for Sustainable Future;*
- Dr. S N Patro: *Biodiversity conservation through community-based natural resource management.*

Two-Day Workshop on 'Promotion of the Concept of Gandhian Constructive Work amongst youth

116 participants from different parts of West Bengal took part at the two-day workshop on 'Promotion of the Concept of the Gandhian Constructive Work amongst Youth in West Bengal during 19-20 September 2016 at Khaskhamar, Dist.Howrah, West Bengal.



Ms. Rahima Khatun speaks at the programme in West Bengal as distinguished guests on the dais are all ears.

The resource persons included Mr. Mullick, the President of TGBK; Dr. Jehan Ara Begum, retired Professor, Dr. B. Mishra, General Secretary, AVARD; Ms. Rahima Khatun, General Secretary, TGBK & Nari-O-Sishu Kalyan Kendra; Mr. Samsuddin, Mr. Ammarullah and Mr. Rejwan from TGBK facilitated the process.

Workshop on Student Volunteer for Constructive Work

The Workshop on *Student Volunteer for Constructive Work* was jointly organised by Gandhi Smriti & Darshan Samiti, Rajghat, and Gandhi Study Circle Kalindi College, University Of Delhi on October 5-6, 2016.



Enthusiastic participants at Kalindi College sharing their ideas during the workshop.

The Chief Guest on the occasion was Professor T.K. Thomas, Chairman Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore Foundation. The other speakers for the workshop were: Professor Nabajit Datta, Head of Department at Handique Girl's College, Guwahati University, Assam; Mr. Gulshan Gupta, North East Programme Coordinator, GSDB; and Mr. Ashutosh Kumar Singh, Coordinator Swasth Bharat and Swasth Balika. Dr. Sangeeta Dhal, the convenor of the workshop was also present on the occasion.

The objectives of the workshop were:

- To explore the potential of the youth of the nation to extend voluntary cooperation in terms of knowledge-sharing and time-sharing for voluntary work.
- To utilise the organised education sector where the young minds are encouraged to channelize their energy and intellectual resources towards voluntary social action
- To develop ideas of volunteer work in the community and contribute towards the efforts of nation-building.

A short play 'JIGYASA' enacted by the college students which beautifully depicted Gandhi's vision of a united India where all religions co-existed in harmony was a special highlight of the programme. *Yoga* demonstrations left the audience amazed.

Experience sharing sessions formed another important activity of the workshop. Student Volunteer and Media Secretary Srishti Singh made a presentation on 'Impressions on Voluntarism: The Youth Perspective'. Students from the various colleges Kamala Nehru College, SGTB Khalsa College, Dayal Singh College and JNU and the NSS Unit Kalindi College also made presentations.

Prof. T. K Thomas made a presentation on various issues including the Constructive Programme of Mahatma Gandhi.

Prof. Nabajit Dutta spoke on on the role and responsibilities of girls students for fighting against various social evils and contributes towards establishing a peaceful society. He also informed about the North East Girls Peace Volunteer Corps (NEGPVC) that was constituted at a three day Women's Convention held at Guwahati during 6th- 8th March, 2014 under the initiative of GSDS and KGNMT (Assam branch).

Mr. Gulshan Gupta spoke on Education and Literacy and role of youth in voluntary contribution to society. Mr. Ashutosh Kumar Singh shared interesting ideas on awareness about Health Issues in India and the Generic Medicine Concept. Presentations by members from the NGO *Goonj* by Ms. Sneha and Ms. Priyanka attracted the student's attention.

The Peace Gong Team Delhi which consisted of members of different colleges

from University of Delhi and Jawahar Lal Nehru University presented their views on volunteerism. Ms. Sharmila Sinha spoke on *Role of Volunteerism in Social Work, Literacy Mission and Environment*. Mr. Biraja Mahapatra, Director, Build India Group spoke on *Volunteerism in Contemporary Times*.

The Chief Guest at the valedictory function was Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Director, GSDS. Dr. Anula Maurya, Principal Kalindi College, was also present on the occasion.

Workshop on Youth Volunteer for Constructive Work

A Crafts Mela and workshop on "Youth Volunteerism for Constructive Work" was organized in Janki Devi Memorial College, University of Delhi on October 5-7, 2016.



A colourful inauguration to the workshop at Janki Devi Memorial College in progress.



Eminent Kathak dancers Sushri Nalini and Kamalini were chief guests of the programme and delivered inaugural speech. They said only the girls are who can save the nation. It is time to recognize their contribution in nation building because "Beti Hai To Kal Hai".

Shri Ashutosh Sharma from Swasth Bharat Trust, Shri Abhishek Ranjan from DU News Point and Shri Gulshan Gupta from GSDS shared their views on different dimensions of the workshop's theme.

On the second day in the valedictory session, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Director, GSDS addressed the gathering.

In Craft Mela, Hunar Foundation showcased their crafts and handloom clothes. A literature stall from the Samiti was also displayed in the college.

Two day programme of young volunteers and presentation on current economic conditions and Mahatma Gandhi's economic perspective

The Samiti organized a two-day programme of young volunteers on the current economic conditions and Mahatma Gandhi's economic perspective on November 4-5, 2016. Central to the Gandhian philosophy was the principle of Swadeshi or home economy. About 150 participants took part in the programme.

The speakers underlined the essence of Gandhian economic perspective and the current economic scenario. There were discussions on Gandhiji's gram swaraj and the rural economy today. More than 15 speakers presented their papers on the issue. The programme was organized in association with People for Nation.

While western economic systems were (and are) based on what he called the "multiplication of wants," Gandhi felt that this was both unsustainable and devastating to the human spirit. His model, by contrast, aimed at the fulfilment of needs – including the need for meaning and community.

Orientation programme of volunteers

As a follow-up of series of workshops in different colleges of Delhi, a two-days follow-up orientation programme was organized for about 25 students each day. Sessions were conducted to hone their leadership skills, how to be an effective communicator, how to develop effective campaigns. The programme was organized on November 4-5, 2016 at Gandhi Darshan.

The students felt that they could take up series of constructive work in Delhi under the guidance of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti. They discussed initiatives like awareness campaign on beti bachao, beti padhao and pollution.

Workshop on Mutual Coexistence between nature-human-flora and fauna in Rudraprayag

A two day workshop on mutual coexistence between nature-human-flora and fauna was organized by the Samiti on November 7-8, 2016 in Rajkiya Intermediate College,

Mansona, Rudraprayag, Uttarakhand. During the programme, there was a rally on swachhta in the entire village.

As part of the practical initiatives, all the 150 participants went to nearby shops requesting them to ban use of plastics. During the workshop, critical inputs were given on the importance of mutual coexistence and how children could take the lead in promoting this concept. An important aspect was the active participation of the local Gram Pradhan who promised to introduce the concept in the village.

National Youth Orientation Camp for Constructive Work

A three-day national youth orientation camp for constructive work was organized by the Samiti in association with Bharat Vikas Sangam from November 19-21, 2016 at Gandhi Darshan. Youth from seven states of the country took part in this orientation programme. Shri Basawaraj Patil, Member of Parliament from Karnataka guided the entire camp. About 220 participants took part in this programme.

Sessions were organized on Gandhian constructive work, skill development, rural development and how young people can contribute to it, information technology and how to take digital India to far flung areas of the country, new approaches to holistic education, development of tribal areas.

Gandhi Youth Camp organised

A Gandhi Youth Camp was organised in collaboration with Sevagram Ashram Pratishtan from December 15-17, 2016 as part of the Gandhi-150, Abhiyaan at Pune. 150 youth participants from Rajasthan, Gujarat and Maharashtra participated in the camp. Shri



Prof. Samdhong Rinpoche addresses the gathering at the Gandhi Youth Camp in Pune as members on dais are all ears.

Jaywant Mathkar, President of Sevagram Ashram Pratishthan, Shri, Abhai Chachad, Shri G VVS Prasad, Shri Shankar Bagade, Shri P A Inamdar ji, Ad. Santosh Maske, Prashant Gujar and other participated and spoke on the occasion. The programme was organised in S M Joshi Socialist Foundation.

Shri Tushar Gandhi, great grandson of Mahatma Gandhi was the chief guest and inaugurated the camp. Dr. Sukan Barant, President of Nai Talim Samiti, Smt. Razia Patel, Shri Pradeed Khedulker spoke on different issues during the camp.

Sessions on *Relevance of Mahatma Gandhi* was addressed by Shri G VVS Prasad and spoke on Truth and Nonviolence, Sarvodaya, Swaraj, Swadeshi and Satyagraha. Issues on poverty, disparities, pollution, violence, communal tensions were addressed.

Shri P B Shitode spoke on organic farming and lifestyles. Shri Ravindra R Pandarinath Secretary of Gandhi-150 spoke on issues of women and their empowerment. Shri Manjit Singh, Joint Secretary, *Mahatma Gandhi Lok Seva Sangh* coordinated the session.

Shri Mahadev Vidrohi, President Sarva Seva Sangh spoke on growing disparities in society and role of youth for economic equality. Shri Ramesh Oza, Advisor, Bharatiya Vidya Bhawan spoke on Gandhi and Ambedkar and their efforts for a society of equality. Shri Neelesh Shinge coordinated the session.

The valedictory function was held on December 15, 2017 that was attended by Prof. Samdhong Rinpoche former Prime Minister of the Government of HH Dalai Lama. Prof. Rinpoche was the chief guest on the occasion. Present on occasion were Smt. Rajni Mathkar, Bhai Vaidya, Km. Radha Bhatt former President of Sarva Seva Sangh and other dignitaries.

Orientation programme on Peace and Non-violence organized

The Samiti in association with Shiv Gram Udyog Mandal an organization based in Kathua, Jammu & Kashmir organized a two-day orientation programme on *Peace and Non-Violence* which was attended by a large number of women, youth and students. Shri Laxmi Dass, Vice-President of Harijan Sevak Sangh was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Shri Ganga Dutt Sharma, coordinated the programme. Shri Basant Singh and Shri

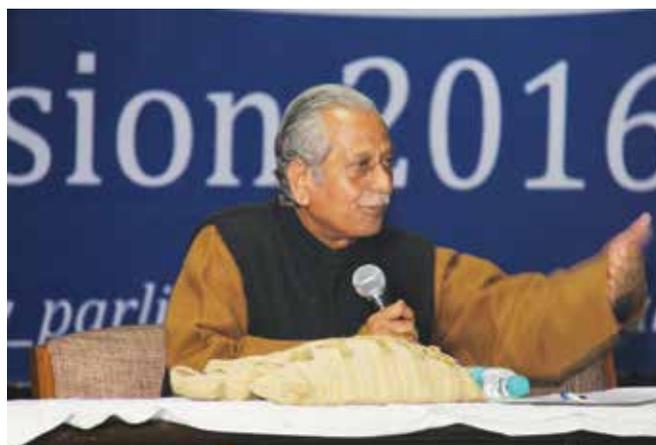
Kamlesh Kumar Sharma were the guests of honour on the occasion.

The participants had given their perspectives on various aspects of the Gandhian thoughts like non-violence, truth, employment, imagination, Non-Cooperation Movement, Champaran Satyagraha and the simplicity of Gandhiji.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Laxmi Dass touched on the humane aspect of Gandhiji and reiterated that Mahatma Gandhi had a mind for global thinking but never neglected local issues.

Discussion on "My Parliament" – a forum for innovative ideas

The Samiti organized a discussion on "My Parliament", a forum for innovative ideas in Gandhi Darshan from December 16-18, 2016 in Gandhi Darshan, which was attended by more than 100 participants from across the nation. A series of workshop training sessions, discussions were organized as part of this programme.



Shri Ramesh Sharma (above) addresses the youth of the country during the "My Parliament" in Gandhi Darshan.

'My Parliament' is a civic engagement platform established for the youth to enter governance and public policy space with an objective of strengthening participatory

democracy. We foster an environment for active participation of youth in democracy and their service to the nation by creating awareness about policies that govern our country. We aim to enable youth to question, deliberate and understand the mechanism of policy making in our country and the ways in which substantial changes can be brought about.



Shri Rajnish Kumar, Secretary Gandhi Samadhi Rajghat, presents a certificate of appreciation to one of the participants at “My Parliament”.

The objective of this simulation was to help youth question and debate the issues which face our country today. It aims to instill in them, an understanding of the public policy and procedures of governance.

The training commenced with a webinar on Citizen Engagement in Governance conducted by Dr. R. Balasubramaniam. The session gave the candidates a brief overview on various policy interventions to bring social change in our country. For comprehensive understanding of the bills various webinar sessions were hosted by policy experts. The sessions gave them insight into the nuances and technicalities of the bills. These online workshops were supplemented with manuals, workbooks and online quiz competitions.

Two- day Workshop on follow-up programme on Voluntarism and Youth Leadership Development

Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Shiksha Sansthan had organized two days workshop on follow-up programme on Voluntarism and Youth Leadership Development on December 5-6, 2016 at Dhanbad. Hon'ble, Member of Legislative Assembly, Shri Dulu Mahto inaugurated the workshop. He addressed people that who has spirit to serve the society he never afraid about criticism. Smt. Minakshee Rani Gudia, Smt. Anjana Devi, Sh. Mahesh Paswan, Sh. Indradev Paswan, Sh. Gaur

Chand Bauri, Shri Basant Singh, Sh. Prabhat Mishra, Sh. Sankar Lal Rajgadga were also present in this occasion.



Participants during the two-day workshop on ‘Voluntarism’ in Dhanbad sharing their thoughts on leadership development.

The main objective of this workshop was to increase the capacity and leadership quality of youth and influence them by the thought and value of Mahatma Gandhi, so that that they can contribute their services to the society.

The different sessions at the workshop were:

- *Gandhis thought and value in today context*
- *Our fundamental right and duties for national building*
- *Who make volunteers and what is voluntarism?*
- *Volunteers behaviour, character and contribution*
- *Problem finding technique and solving strategy*
- *Leadership development and quality for leader*

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Parameshwar Paswan said, that this workshop has given them an important opportunity to increase the capacity, and to infuse in the youth the spirit of voluntarism.

Two-day Skill Building Workshop-cum-training programme for youth for creating employment opportunities

With the vision of boosting the development of India through development of its villages, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti along with Indo-European Chamber of Small and Medium Enterprises and The Prithvi Foundation organized a two-day training programme for creating entrepreneurship and employment opportunities

in 29 subjects of Panchayati Raj. The program was led by Dr. Kamal Taori (IAS Retd.), former secretary to Government of India' Shri Dipankar Shri Gyan, Director, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti and Shri Vijay Tiwari, President, Indo-European Chamber of Small and Medium Enterprises (IECSME-India). Organised at Gandhi Darshan on February 15-16, 2017, about 100 participants from various parts of India took part in the training programme.



1. Dr. Kamal Taori, shares a word with Shri Dipankar Shri Gyan.
2. Shri Vijay Tiwari addresses the gathering at the training programme.
3. Engrossed participants at the programme in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat. z

Following were the major point of discussions:

1. Panchayati Raj Institutions
2. Four pillars of the Democracy : Legislative, Executive, Judiciary, Media
3. Village Planning, Marketing and Management
4. 29 subjects of Panchayati Raj and how to make them into Entrepreneurship and Employment opportunity
5. Basic knowledge about the functioning of the Gram Panchayat, Ward, Block, District, State and Central Governments
6. Seven Pillars of the Development:
7. VIIP, WIIP, BIIP, DIIP, SIIP
8. Gandhi, Gram Swaraj and Khadi & Village Industries
9. Cow based Development, Investment Opportunities and Industrialization
10. Productivity and Women Empowerment
11. Banking
12. SDG's
13. Right to Information

The Recommendations included:

- 1) We will involve CSC's in our Program and simultaneously more trained VIIP's would be encouraged to open New CSC's under the guidelines of the Government of India.
- 2) We will coordinate with SAGY – Villages adopted by Hon'ble Member of Parliaments for VIIP training programs.
- 3) IT and Technology support systems will play an important role in this movement of Gram Swaraj and make India Vishwa Guru.
- 4) Products manufactured in these villages can be put on sales in GSDS and later more outlets could be opened by GSDS and can be coordinated by IECSME.
- 5) More Institutions with similar objectives will be involved in this program.
- 6) Follow up team will be set up by IECSME and GSDS will provide all the support systems.
- 7) New and innovative Startup Projects will be jointly promoted and supported by GSDS & IECSME, we will also recommend to various agencies involved.

- 8) Some participation fees can be charged from the participants to meet part of the expenses.
- 9) International exposure, education, training and marketing programs will be coordinated by IECSME.
- 10) We will plan to invite Foreign delegates during International Yoga Week Program around 21st June 2017.

The training programme brought various minds from various verticals to think and act over a vision of development of India using its widely spread natural resources and man power integrated with advanced technologies for better future and livelihood.

Workshop-cum-Lecture Demonstration for Students and Youth for Constructive Work

The Samiti in association with New Vikalp, Jharkhand organised the following programmes as a tribute to Kasturba Gandhi on her 73rd Nirvan Divas on February 21, 22, 2017 by organising the several programmes. Shri Sanjay Seth, Chairman, Jharkhand Khadi Gramodyog Sangh; eminent Gandhian Shri Manoj Pandey from Bhagalpur; Mr. Kaljayee, Editor Sublog Magazine from New Delhi; Mr. Bijo Chattopadhyay, a Reiki Guru were the distinguished guests on the occasion. Principals from different schools and their teachers also attended the programme.



A young participant shares her thought with others during the workshop.

An essay competition in Hindi and English on *Baa, Bapu Evam Yuva* was conducted in ten schools and eight colleges of the Bokaro Steel City and Chas. The activity that started a week before the programme saw the participation of around 80 students who participated and whose essays were evaluated by senior academicians drawn from schools and college.

Also a speech competition on the same topic was conducted. 76 speakers from different schools and colleges took part. Based on the

competition held on February 21, five speakers were selected who took part on February 22, 2017.

10-day Naturopathy and Yoga workshop organized



Rev. Swami Karya Siddheshwar Maharaj ji inaugurates the ten-day workshop along with Shri Laxmi Dass, Shri Basant ji, Shri Puneet ji and Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan at Gandhi Darshan.



The Samiti in association with Gandhi Smarak Prakitik Chikitsa Samiti (GSPCS) organized a "Ten-day Yoga and Naturopathy" workshop in Gandhi Darshan which was attended by over 300 youth participants daily. The workshop was inaugurated on March 2, 2017 by Swami Karya Siddheshwar ji Maharaj from Siddha Giri Gurukul Foundation. Shri Laxmi Dass, President of GSPCS, Shri Basant Singh, former Advisor GSDS and Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Director GSDS was present on the occasion.

Shri Sankar Sanyal ji speaks at the workshop as practical sessions on yoga and naturopathy were also conducted.

In his inaugural address, the Rev. Swamiji lamented about the non availability of doctors in India vis-à-vis the vastness of the country and its population. Diseases are also rampant and need to be controlled, Swamiji asserted. This he said can be done through 'prakritik chikitsa' or naturopathy treatment. He further pointed to the contribution of doctors, medicines, treatment and service, which he felt is required for the well-being of the patients. Stating that doctors who only think of money, can never do service to society.

He further called upon the participants to adopt measures for generating awareness to people in villages and slums to start using toilets, which will prevent many diseases.

About 80 participants, who during the ten-day residential camp stayed in Gandhi Darshan, also took part in the yoga *shivirs* (camps) that were conducted by the team of GSPCS. A visit to Gandhi Smriti Museum was also organised.

Workshop on "Wildlife and Biodiversity Conservation – People, Planet and their interplay for Youth"

About 83 participants took part in a two-day workshop on "Wildlife and Biodiversity Conservation – People, Planet and their interplay for Youth" at Gandhi Peace Foundation on March 16-17, 2017. Organized by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti and Mahila Haat in association with Development Horizons Foundation, the workshop aimed towards attracting the attention of people, particularly, youth towards the importance of conservation of wildlife and biodiversity for maintaining the ecological balance and continuity of natural life support system to ensure sustainable development. Sensitization of youth and awareness generation formed a major part of the two-day workshop.

During the workshop, the participants were introduced to Gandhian approach to environment and conservation of nature; highlighting the contemporary environmental concerns and their adverse effects; generating awareness among youth about the role of communities in regeneration of environment, particularly in afforestation and generate awareness about the principles of mutual co-existence.

The inaugural programme saw the participation of Smt. Krishna Bisht, General Secretary of Mahila Haat, Ms. Jyoti, Managing Director of Development Horizons Foundation, Shri Rajesh Bhatt, naturalist from Corbett

National Park and Dr. B Mishra, former General Secretary, AVARD.

A puppetry show on environmental protection helped in raising the issue more vividly amongst the participants. Group presentations on protecting the existing plants and planting of seedlings to ensure greenery around the habited areas, to ensure regeneration of environment for healthy living was conveyed to the participants the need to change the mindsets and lifestyle.

Shri Rajesh Bhatt in his session on the importance of wildlife and their interdependence asserted that even insects are very important because many of the bigger insects survive on smaller insects. He also mentioned that humans are made of five elements which are part of nature.

Day two, started with the recapitulation of the discussions of the first day. Later Shri Mahendra, the representative of Lorentz company of Germany, the manufacturer of solar pumps and Shri Rajesh Ahuja, MD of SAG Steel Pvt. Ltd gave a presentation on how solar energy can be beneficial for saving wild life, citing that this stored (solar) energy can be used for pumping water from bore wells to quench the thirst of birds and animals which may help them to remain within forest and thereby prevent them from being prey to poachers/hunters.

Interactive sessions from the participants saw a number of unique ideas evolve at the workshop.

On February 22, almost 300 participants took part in the commemorative programme. An exhibition of paintings of Kasturba Gandhi and the Mahatma and Charkha was also held. Shri Sanjay Seth, Chairman, Jharkhand Khadi Gramodyog Sangh, was the chief guest on the occasion.

Sharing his thoughts, Shri Sanjay highlighted the importance of Khadi in shaping the lives of millions of Indians and the role Baa and Bapu played in introducing it to the world. He assured that in order to promote the use of Khadi, showrooms in each of the districts will be opened. Reiterating what the Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi had said on popularising the use of Khadi amongst the youth of today, Shri Sanjay asked the participants to take up the cause of Khadi with the aim of "Khadi for Nation and Khadi for Fashion", which will help the poor families of weavers and make Khadi India a formidable brand across the country.



Programmes for Women

Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao reiterated at Janki Janmotsav samaroh



Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Shri Prabhat Jha speaks to a packed auditorium at the Janki Janmotsav samaroh in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.



"Commitment to the cause of empowering the girl child right from their birth is the only way, one can achieve complete equality in society", said Member of Parliament, Shri Prabhat Jha, adding, "We cannot have a rootless existence." Shri Prabhat Jha was addressing a congregation of over 400 people comprising of academicians, poets, authors, scholars, artists from different fields and from the Bhanu Kala Kendra, Nepal, at the *Janki Janmotsav Samaroh* on May 15, 2016 at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat on the occasion of the Jankinavmi. Shri Jha reiterated the fact that though talks of saving and educating the girl child has been there, the present Government under the leadership of the Prime Minister really made it a mass movement, that has gained momentum and efforts are being spearheaded towards removing the stigma of a nation that has the highest rate of infant and female mortality rate.

Shri Jha also said that Sita or Vaidehi, as she was called, was one of the first girl child to have been saved by King Janaka who provided her education and made her empowered. Reflecting upon Mahatma Gandhi's contribution



Artist from the Bhanu Kala Kendra in Nepal present an enthralling performance.

towards women empowerment, Shri Jha added that Mahatma Gandhi gave women equal opportunity to be leaders in the national struggle for independence. Women came out from their respective homes from different parts of the country to participate in the freedom movement.

Speakers at the dialogue as part of the celebrations reiterated that need to ensure rights of women empowerment and their autonomy. Calling Mahatma Gandhi a 'creative reformer' and 'pragmatic leader' who strongly advocated the cause of the marginalized in the society, the speakers called for a joint action to prevent illegal sex determination that is still prevalent in different parts of the society. Like Sita, who was a symbol of purity, chastity, sacrifice and confidence, Gandhi too wanted women to excel in the fields. Mahatma Gandhi brought alternative feminism from the culture of feminism (of Mithila) – who contradicts but respects relationship, and therefore, continuously introspecting and reviewing.

Calling Vaidehi an empowered women who never for a moment left debating, yet forgiving (Ram) and questioning, the speakers correlated it to the peaceful process adopted by Mahatma Gandhi in resolving differences or conflicts, which is not surrender, but *satyagraha* for *antar chetna* (inner awakening).

Among those who were present on the occasion included: Shri R. K Singh, Prof. Arvind Kumar Jha, Dr. Savita Khan Jha, Dr. Rajesh Jha, Prof. Manindra Nath Thakur, Shri Amar Nath Jha, Smt. Shefalika Verma, Dr. Sanjiv Jha, Poetess Smt. Kumkum Jha and others.

The valedictory programme was graced by the Acting Ambassador of Nepal Shri Krishna Prasad Dhakal, who called this celebration a conglomeration of 'gyan yagya'. Artists from the Bhanu Kala Kendra in Nepal performed a colourful cultural extravaganza that left the audience spellbound.

Workshop on *Beti Bachao Beti Padhao*

The Samiti organized a two-day workshop on *Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao* (BBBP) in Jammu and Kashmir in association with Paradise Women's Welfare Society at Government Girls Higher Secondary Institute, Kothibagh, Srinagar from December 14-15, 2016. About 200 participants that included educationists, social activists, officials, women's rights groups, voluntary organizations and girl students took part in the programme. Former Chief Information

Commissioner of the state Mr. G R Sofi was the chief guest at the inaugural programme. Mr. Hashmat Ali, Director Social Welfare, Kashmir; Mrs. Quratu-ul-Ain, noted Educationist and Mrs. Ashia Saleem, Member J&K SSWB, Mrs. Romana Quazi were guests of honour on the occasion. Heads of various institutions were also present on the occasion. On behalf of GSDS, Dr. Javed Mohammad Iqbal attended the programme organized by Ms. Shameena Raina, Member NCFRS & EW, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India.



Participants at the workshop organised by Paradise Women's Welfare Society at Jammu.

The broad objectives of the workshop were:

- i. To sensitize the different stakeholders to the broad features of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Scheme;
- ii. To analyse various aspects of the scheme in view of various socio-cultural settings;
- iii. To provide a platform to work out ways for effective implementation of the BBBP scheme

The workshop included technical sessions on various themes which was conducted by academicians, bureaucrats, doctors, legal experts, teachers, trainers, social activists. Cultural events by music bands were other highlights of the programme.

The speakers at the two-day workshop highlighted the broad features of BBBP scheme and need for effective implementation of the scheme to improve the sex-ratio of the State. They further said that there is a dire need to change the mindset of the society towards the girl child. They called for massive awareness and involving community and religious leaders for effective implementation of the scheme.

Seminar on Role of Women in Panchayati Raj System

The Samiti in association with Naveen Ankur Mahila Mandal in Raipur, Chattisgarh organised a day-long seminar on *Role of Women in Panchayati Raj System* on December 30, 2016 at the Shaheed Smarak Bhawan, Raipur. Shri Krishan represented the Samiti in the seminar. Discussions on the improvement in the Panchayati Raj institutions focussed during the seminar. About 500 women from the villages from the panchayats took part in the programme.



A large number of women partake in the seminar in Chattisgarh organised by the Samiti in association with Naveen Ankur Mahila Mandal.

The programme was attended by Ms. Harshita Pandey President of State Women Commission, Phool Chand Nagariya (poet), K Subramaniam DGM, NABARD, Shaligram Sharma, Member Janpad, Dharsima Panchayat; National President Gulabi Gang, Suman Singh Chauhan, Rohit Agnihotri (PA to MLA Raipur) Jai Prakash Shivhare, Founder Gulabi Gang, Mahesh Vaid Secretary Ma Saraswati Bal Kalyan Samiti, Raipur and Smt. Leena Mohan N P (Vice President Bharatiya Majdoor Sangh), Smt. Shatabdi Subodh Pandey, Chairperson Children Commission, Sh. Sukhbir Singhotra MD CG 24 News Channel and Smt. Meena Gautam, Chairperson Naveen Ankur Mahila Mandal.

The different sessions that were conducted as part of the seminar were:

1. Awareness on Beti Bachao Beti Padhao
2. Raise of pay for women in work place from labour class
3. Women empowerment and role on women in the Panchayats
4. Mahatma Gandhi's views on Women and Society

Invoking Quit India Movement for making Girls Free of Diseases

Swast Bharat Trust in association with the Samiti which is organising the *Swachh Bharat Cycle Yatra* – that was flagged off from Gandhi Smriti on August 17, 2016 by Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs – decided to revive the Quit India call of Mahatma Gandhi, this time to eradicate diseases from the society and ensure healthy girl child for a healthy society.



Shri Ashutosh Kr. Singh (L) and Dr. A K Merchant (R) speaks at the programme in Gandhi Darshan.

The journey that commenced on August 17, reached Delhi on January 30, on the 69th death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and the cyclists

after paying homage to Gandhiji at the evening prayer in Gandhi Smriti embarked on a journey to cover almost 15000 kilometers covering cities across India.



Renowned vocalist Smt. Sumita Dutta enralls the gathering with her music.



Play on "Aao Panchayat Panchayat Khelein" from Indu Arts Theatre and Film Society in progress during the programme.

During their journey, the team from Swast Bharat Trust interacted with adolescent girls with an aim to make them aware of health related issues. "The idea is to understand how adolescent girls in the country perceive health issues, especially related to their hygiene, for it is a well-known fact that the most critical issue is lack of toilets for females that is adversely impacting the health of the girl child", said, Ashutosh Kumar Singh, Chairman of Swast Bharat Trust.

"The aim is also to make girls as 'goodwill ambassadors for our campaign in the states we will be covering. We are now travelling to Haryana, followed by Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Goa and journey will continue", concluded Ashutosh.

Tribute to Ba on her 73rd Nirvan Diwas

Several programmes were organized in different parts of the country as part of the 73rd Nirvan Diwas of Kasturba Gandhi (Ba) on February 22, 2017. These are:

➤ **DELHI**

Street Play on Social Issues on "Beti Bachai and Beti Padhao" and Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan



Street play on female foeticide organised by Udit Asha Welfare Society in the Delhi slums to raise awareness on Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao drew huge crowd.

The Samiti in association with Udit Asha Welfare Society organised a *Festival of Street Plays* on Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao on February 22, 2017 at the main bus stand, Block 27, Trilokpuri. The programme was organised in association with Udit Asha Welfare Society. Students of Delhi University enacted the play on the basic them of Beti bahcao, Beti Padhao and Swachh Bharat Mission. Shri Vivek and Shri Rakesh from the GSDS attended the programme. The officials of Udit Asha Welfare Society, Sachin, Meena, Manoj Sinha, and senior journalist Amalesh Raju were present on the occasion. Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, who was at Sevagram on

the same day, conveyed his best wishes to the organisers.

The play received overwhelming response from both the local people as well as the children who attended the play in large number. The play highlighted the need of the hour to educate the girl child. Children were taken in for a surprise as the group during their play started interacting with them on issue of sanitation and personal hygiene. On February 28, the street play was organized at Kondli, Kalyanpuri



Artists from the street play group are being felicitated by Sh. Manoj Kr. Sinha of Udit Asha Welfare Society.

On March 8, 2017 on the occasion of the International Women's Day, the Street Play was organized at Six Tooti Chowk, Paharganj, near New Delhi Railway Station. The students of Guru Govind Singh Khalsa College, Delhi University presented the street play on Beti Bachao Beti Padhao and Swachh Bharat. The programme was attended by a large number of people from within the locality. North Delhi Municipal Corporation's Chairperson Shri Virendra Babbar; ACP Shri Sanjeev Gutpa and SHO from Paharganj Police Station, Shri Inder Kumar attended the programme.

The festival of street plays helped in raising awareness on the issue of saving the girl child and their education and also highlighting the necessity for proper sanitation. It helped in generating mass awareness.

➤ **BOONDI, RAJASTHAN**

Seminar on Women Empowerment

The Samiti organised a one-day seminar at Badgaon, Gaushala in collaboration with Acharya Kaka Saheb Kalelkar Lokseva Kendra, Gaushala, Boondi, Rajasthan on the occasion of Kasturba Nirvan Divas on February 22, 2017. The theme of the seminar was "Today's Need: Women Empowerment". About 500 participants



Smt. Shashwati Jhalani, Librarian GSDS speaks to the women participants at Boondi Rajasthan during the seminar and awareness programme Acharya Kaka Saheb Kalelkar Lokseva Kendra, Gaushala, Boondi, Rajasthan.



from nearby villages took part in the programme. School students, workers in the districts and local dignitaries, heads of educational institutes, social workers and village Sarpanch attended the programme. Smt. Shashwati Jhalani, Librarian GSDS represented the Samiti at the seminar.

The programme was inaugurated with the lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries including Km. Kusum Shah, Secretary of Sannidhi. Ms. Savitri Bharadwaj delivered the welcome address.

The speakers at the seminar unanimously stressed on the declining sex ratio of the girl child in the country and the violence that women are subjected to. They further emphasised on the need to educate the girl child which will also empower them.

The participating children presented poems, songs and dance on the occasion. The ladies from nearby villages presented folk music on the occasion.

➤ **JAMSHEDPUR**

Capacity Building Programme for Women

The Samiti in association with Jamshedpur Women's College at Jamshedpur organised a "Capacity Building Programme" as a tribute to Ba on her 73rd Nirvan Divas on February 22, 2017.



A speaker shares her thought at the capacity building programme in Jamshedpur.



Mrs. Ranjana Mishra, Director DRDA, Jamshedpur was the Chief Guest; Mrs. Geeta Shukla, Research Officer, GSDS was the Guest of Honour. Mr. Gobinda Madhav Sharan, President, CHR Urban Services Tata Steel was the Special Guest. Principal Dr. Shukla Mahanty, Prof. in charge Dr. Purnima Kumar were also present on the occasion.

In her welcome address Principal Dr. Shukla Manahty emphasised the need of empowerment of women at all levels. Mr. Govinda Madhav Sharan assessed Kasturba Gandhi as empowered woman and stressed the need for women's education.

Mrs. Geeta Shukla said that history has discriminated against women, which needs to be corrected. It was Kasturba Gandhi who interpreted the meaning of "Satyagraha" correctly to Mahatma Gandhi. Women should exercise their choices while keeping contact with family.

Chief Speaker Mrs. Ranjana Mishra said that reservation is not the be all and end all of women's empowerment. The women can empower their country also, because women are marching forward in different directions successfully.

Two technical sessions followed after Inaugural Session, in which Dr. Nirmla Shukla and Dr. Snehlata Sinha were the resource persons. Dr. Mudita Chandra, Head of the Department, Hindi was the anchor for the Inaugural session, and Dr. Purnima Kumar delivered the vote of thanks.

➤ **KALIMPONG, WEST BENGAL**

Mahila Sammelan for Women Empowerment

The Samiti in association with Kalimpong Krishak Kalyan Sanghathan organised a two-day *Mahila Sammelan for Women Empowerment* at Lamahatta, Darjeeling, West Bengal on February 22-23, 2017. Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer, GSDS attended the inaugural. The others who were present on the occasion included Shri D K Rai, Principal Lamahata Sr. Sec School; Mrs. Munnu Goutam, Teacher, Writer and Editor; Shri Prem Dukpa, Dr. Shristi Moktan, Veterinary Officer, Takdah Block. About 150 participants from different blocks of Darjeeling took part in the two-day programme.



Mahila Sammelan for women empowerment in Kalimpong saw a wide range of activities ranging from discussions on local issues to rich display of local cultural tradition.

Besides sharing views on Gandhian approach to women empowerment, there was session on *Women and Panchayati Raj, issues of women empowerment in the region*. The resource persons spoke on how women could take the lead in organic agriculture and how this can be an important source of livelihood in the hills.

Mr. Prem Dupka, a tribal observer, mentioned the role of tribal towards nation-building and tribal culture that promotes values of co-existence with nature.

Discussions on issues of sanitation, the role of women in Gram Panchayats and the importance of education were also raised during the sammelan.

During the two-day programme, the participants also exhibited their products – mostly organic vegetables and organic products.

Shri S Limbu an horticulture expert, Shri Hemant Chettri an organic agriculturalist, spoke on SIRI Cattle, organic farming and cash crop of Darjeeeling Himalayas.

This was followed by a field visit at the tribal development project at Lamahatta.

Cultural presentations by the Gokha Sangini Toli, Dukpa cultural team, FPOS of Mungoo, Labdah, lamhatta, Bhanu and Pala added colour to the programme. The cultural programme was coordinated by the Bharatiya Gorkha Cultural Trust.

➤ **JAMMU AND KASHMIR**

Sheroes of India's Freedom Struggle

GSDS in collaboration with Beti and Shiksha Foundation organised a day-long seminar on *Sheroes of India's Freedom Struggle* in Government College for Women, Parade Ground, Jammu (J&K) on February 22, 2017. Shri Brij Raj Sharma, Chief Secretary of J & K Government, Susheel Pandit (Activist), Mrs. Ruby Sharma,



Distinguished guests at the inauguration of the programme in J&K.



A participant shares her views during the programme.

President of IAS Officer's Wives Association and Social Activist; Shri J K Sharma, I PS Officer DG Home Guards, Delhi; Ms. Renu Shrama, President B & S Foundation, Dr. Arun Dubey, Principal of Government College for Women- Parade Ground and Shri Krishan from GSDS were present on the occasion. About 200 participants took part in the programme.

The speakers who addressed the gathering reiterated the need for creating conditions of for a social and economic awakening among women. Liberation or uplift of women, i.e. reforming social practices, so as to enable women to move up, to make independent decisions formed part of the discussions at the seminar. The speakers felt that there has to be a channelized route for the empowerment of women.

Group discussions formed an integral part of the programme with the participating students from different colleges and schools.

The other speakers included Dr. Rita Jitendra, renowned artist, writer, and former Secretary, J&K Academy of Art and Culture and Languages, Dr. Anurag Gangal from the Department of Political Science, University of Jammu, J&K and India Director, Gandhian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies; Shri B B Sharma, former Principal, Government College, Jammu; Prof. B B Anand of Department of Political Science.

➤ **CHATTISGARH**

Campaign to promote Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao

The Samiti in association with Nari Manch in Mahasamund, Chattisgarh, launched a campaign to promote *Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao* from February 22, 2017 by organising a programme at the Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust, Bilsonda, Mahasamund Branch. The programme saw an array of activities with some of the distinguished persons voicing their opinions and concerns regarding the issues related to girl children and women.

The campaign included a week-long programme like Essay Competition, Awareness Generation meetings etc. at different locations. Some of the major issues of discussion included the right to education, girls' education, health and hygiene, PNDT Act etc were discussed.



Shri Umesh Chandra Gaur, Chairman CCBOS lights the inaugural lamp at the programme, as others look on. Dr. Sailaja Gullapalli, Research Associate GSDS, also attended the programme.

The distinguished speakers at the March 2, 2017 programme were: Ms Aruna Tandi, Principal, Government Nursing College; Smt. Pramida Thakur, Juvenile Justice Board; Ms Mamta Patel, Additional District Judge; Ms Sunita Toppo, Additional District Judge; Ms Vandana Verma, Additional District Judge; Shri.Amarjeet, District Congress committee; Ms Padma Chandrakar, Chhattisgarh State Women's Commission; and Dr Rekha Mishram, Head, Chhattisgarh State Women's Commission. The efforts of Nari Manch, headed by Smt. Sadhna Singh Gaur, in its continuous involvement in the empowerment of women for the last 20 years were also highlighted. The GSDS was represented by Dr. Sailaja Gullapalli, Research Assistant, GSDS.

➤ **SHILLONG, MEGHALAYA**

Programme on Women Empowerment

A special programme was conducted on Women Empowerment on February 22, 2017 to mark the 73rd death anniversary of Kasturba Gandhi at the B.S.F. Sr. Secondary School, Umpling Shillong. The children had earlier participated at the Value Creation Camp organized by the GSDS in New Delhi from January 23-February 2, 2017. s

The program began with the lighting of the lamp followed by a brief history of Smt. Kasturba Gandhi by Ms Kalpana Tiwari, TGT (Hindi/Sanskrit). A musical tribute led by Mrs. Lina Rani Das, Music Teacher of BSF School was another attraction of the function.



Children of B S F School Shillong present an invocation at the commemorative programme as a tribute to Kasturba Gandhi.

Many students from various grades and teachers encashed this opportunity to express their views on changing role and challenges faced by women in modern society. Mrs. Manjari Biswas PGT (English) presented a statistical comparison on role of women 20 years ago and 20 years from now. Shri Pramod Kumar shukla PGT (Hindi) presented a talk on kasturba Gandhi's role during independence struggle. A poem recitation competition was held on this occasion in which students from classes VI to X participated. The NSS wing of the school organised a clean drive campaign around school campus.

Mrs. Sarla Mishra, principal BSF School who graced the occasion as the chief guest presented her views on multifarious role played by woman at different levels of society and appealed the student community to realise the ideals of great personalities in the making of society. Ms. Aradhika Paul presented the vote of thanks.

➤ **ODISHA**

Illiteracy Main Reason for Oppression of Women

(Campaign on Mahila Adhikar Abhiyaan (MAA) project in 10 districts of Odhisha to empower women community for their holistic development and a benefit role for social change)

The Samiti in association with Mahila Adhikar Abhiyaan (MAA) launched a project in 10 districts of Odisha to empower women community for their holistic development and a role for social change in Odisha on February 22, 2017.

"Everybody has got human rights. Even a child has got human rights. Human rights do not know gender bias. Illiteracy is the main reason for harassment and oppression of women in the rural as well as urban areas", said Odisha State

Human Rights Commission Chairperson Justice Bira Kishore Mishra inaugurating a State-level launching of Manila Adhikar Abhiyan (MAA) on the death anniversary of Kasturba Gandhi here on February 22, 2017.



Distinguished guests at the inauguration of the programme keenly listens to a participant (above).

Justice Mishra said, "Know the law. Take the advice of the right persons and don't be misguided. Do not take the law unto your own hands. The law would help you." Despite the Government launching plethora of welfare schemes and spending crores of rupees, the attendance of girls in schools is poor. Superstition is still prevalent in many areas. Awareness is needed to curb many of the social problems plaguing the society."

In this scenario the work of human right defenders is critical to challenging inequality disrupting the status quo and promoting respect for human rights for all. God will be dissatisfied if woman is not given respect in any home and it would not prosper, he said.

Odisha State Commission for Women Chairperson Lopamudra Buxipatra said due to their ignorance about their rights and laws for protection, many women continue suffering as victims. Even some of those who file cases, they

are discriminated in availing their due justice and compensation, hence women right activists role is very important to be the voice of the voiceless.

Women in rural and urban Odisha often face different forms of gender violence before birth to death like female foeticide, rape, sexual harassment, honour crimes, trafficking and domestic violence. She stressed on education and changing of mentality to solve the problems affecting women.

Social Security and Persons with Disabilities Department Secretary Madhusudan Padhi said only reservation cannot ensure empowerment. Awareness is important and the first step to empowerment. In this age of digitisation being literate is important. In Odisha there are 50,000 villages. The media should highlight some of the positive and success stories about women's empowerment. This message should reach the villages.

The function was presided over by MAA Chairperson Namrata Chadha. Among others, eminent Gandhian Krishan Mohanty, State Social Welfare Board chairperson Latika Pradhan also spoke and social activist Manoj Jena was present.

Kasturba Gandhi Mahila Maha Panchayat on "Women Safety and Migration" organised

GSDS in association with Vikas Bharti Bishunpur, Jharkhand organized a "Kasturba Gandhi Mahila Maha Panchayat" on the theme *Women Safety and Migration* on the occasion of the International Women's Day on March 8, 2017 at Arogya Bhawan, Bariyatu, Jharkhand. Padmashri Shri Ashok Bhagat attended the programme that saw the participation of 500 women from different sectors.

The objectives of the programme were:

1. To seek attention towards woman empowerment, safety and migration vis-à-vis the present challenging social issues of Jharkhand.
2. To capacitate women representative of Ranchi district about their role and responsibility and to sort-out the women related challenges.
3. To empower local representatives for planning at grassroots level.
4. Strengthening of women: one should know what they are capable of.
5. Importance of Educating women: until unless a person is educated they will come to know their rights.

6. Encouraging women to develop entrepreneurial skill which will make them self dependent.
7. Advocating the promotion of gender equality.
8. To capacitate women to fight against domestic violence, mental and physical exploitation, trafficking and child labour.

Representative of block Mukhiya MRS. Kiran, Tati Purvi and Block Head Pushpa Tirki shared their perspectives at the Mahila Maha Panchayat. They spoke on the problems of women in rural Jharkhand. Their focus was on education of the girl child, witchcraft, livelihood linkages, consumption of liquor, etc. They told the importance of Self help groups and power over money. They also presented expectations of villages from them. They showed their keen interest to sort out problems at field level for this they need guidance.



Discussion during the Kasturba Gandhi Mahila Maha Panchayat in progress in Jharkhand.

Neelam Tigga, Lalpur Panchayat and Daleshwari Devi Ormanjhi Panchayat; Barwa Tirki, Roseleen Lakra, Ormanjhi block; Malti Devi, Angara head; Mamta Devi, Harmu Panchayat and Mrs. Sangeeta Devi, Haratu Panchayat; Mrs Munia Devi, Rankutwa panchayat and Mrs. Pramila Devi; Mini Kumari, Tatisilwe block and Ashrita Devi, Purnadih, Chadawa and Mrs. Rani Sinha from Kishoreganj. They spoke on micro-level planning and sought the assistance from the local organisation for their welfare. Issues on prohibition, discrimination between gender and caste, child marriages, importance of construction of toilets, training on how women can save money and skill development featured during the discussion.

Workshop on Empowerment of the Rural Women of Maharashtra organized

The Samiti in association with Magan Sangrahalay Samiti (MSS), Wardha, Maharashtra organized a two-day workshop on "Empowerment of the Rural Women of Maharashtra" on the theme "We for Ourselves" on March 25-26, 2017.



Overwhelming participation at the programme in Maharashtra saw women raising issues on right to a dignified life.

As part of the programme, a six member team from MSS went to 50 villages and held evening meetings with the Small Help Groups (SHGs) and further met several NGOs briefing them about the workshop that resulted in the participation of 380 rural women from around 100 Self Help Groups in this workshop. The following themes with aims and objectives were discussed:

Economic Empowerment - Gandhi on house hold industries - women entrepreneurship; marketing of SHG products; fight against anemia and malnutrition through organic farming and homestead vegetable gardens; use of locally made products (Swadeshi)

- Physical Empowerment - identification of adulteration in food products, spices, oil and milk; choosing right food for healthy body and healthy mind; ways to prevent and combat household hazards related to LPG gas, electricity, fire, flood etc; non chemical sanitary napkins for health and hygiene.
- Legal & Political Empowerment - Vishakha guidelines and legal rights of women; Action against sex discrimination; Social and political empowerment of rural women through conscious and responsive active participation in Gram Sabha and Gram Panchayat
- Social and Psychological Empowerment - Methods to empower the mind through positive thinking, meditation and relaxation exercises; family counseling and legal support

- Cultural Programme – Rational understanding of the rituals and beliefs amongst rural women and creating scientific temperament in them to stop carrying wrong superstitions

Twelve experts in different subjects addressed the participants through practical demonstrations, songs, lectures, audio video clippings and slide shows. Intermittently films on hazards of plastic, pollution, rural sanitation, adulteration, nasha bandi (De-alcoholisation) and improved low cost agriculture tools were shown.

The participants were given a swadeshi kit consisting of a pen made from waste paper, gud (jaggery), flaxseeds and sesame seeds masticator mixture, and Spirorub, an ointment made from spirulina.

Two *karyakartas* (workers) of Magan Sangrahalaya Samiti were honoured with Kasturba Gandhi Award for their act of bravery. With their presence of mind and timely quick action they successfully extinguished a major fire in a women’s enterprise, preventing a major accident, thus saving the lives of many women working nearby.

Seminar on 'Role of Women in Freedom Movement'

143 participants from Ghatal Rabindra Satabarsiki Mahavidyalaya, Chaipat College, Narajole College, NSS Unit and other allied organisations of Gandhi Mission Trust (GMT) organized a two-day seminar on "Role of Women in Freedom Movement" in West Bengal on March 8-9, 2017 as part of the celebrations to commemorate the International Women’s Day. The seminar which was inaugurated by Prof. Laxmi Kanat Roy, Principal Ghatal Rabindra



A speaker shares her views at the seminar to an attentive audience (below).



Satabarsiki Mahavidyalaya, Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal was organized by GSDS in association with GMT. The Chief Guest on this occasion was Prof. Monimala Ghosh. Prof. Prasanta Samanta, Executive Member Committee of GMT presided over the function.

Speakers at the programme spoke on the importance of the responsibility of women in the community. On the first working session was discussion on the role of women in freedom movement was led by Prof. Ramesh Barman. Participants shared the role of women in the contemporary society.

The second day also saw active participation by women in the interactive sessions that were organized. Shri Aloke Kr. Ghose interacted with the participants. Discussion on Sarojini Naidu, Kasturba Gandhi, Annie Besant, Begum Hazrat Mahal and others featured prominently at the discussion.

Seminar on Women Empowerment their present status and future

The Samiti organized a two-day seminar on Women Empowerment their present status and future on March 8-9, 2017 at Babhangama, Bihari Ganj, Madhepura, Bihar. About 500 participants from around the villages and community took part in the two-day programme. Distinguished people from all walks of life attended the programme. This included the Block Chief, Shri Rakesh Kumar Singh; Shri Dinanath Prabodh, founder of Gandhi Gyan Mandir, Babhangama; Ratan Mala Yadav, Prof. Dev Narain Paswan, Prof. Atulesh Verma and others. Ms. Reeta Kumari represented the GSDS at the programme.





to work towards 'prohibition' and make toilets in every household of the villages.

International women's day was celebrated with zeal and fervour bringing to the forefront the amazing strength that woman has in them and harnesses it for their well-being and nation-building.



Both young and old participant spoke at the seminar and reiterated the need for promoting education for the girl child and the empowerment of women at all levels.

All the speakers emphasized the need for women to realize their own strength and work towards their empowerment through education and skill development. Women have to come out from the oppression imposed upon them by the society and prove their worth.

The speakers further reiterated that Mahatma Gandhi brought women to the forefront during the freedom movement by making them aware of their immense power.

Ms. Reeta Kumari conducted various activities during the seminar and also interacted with the participants by conducting group exercises. Women came to share their thoughts on several issues. A special resolve was made

Woman empowerment

It means increasing the strength of a woman socially, economically, emotionally.





In Tihar

Free Eye Check-up Camp organised in CJ-8,9



(Top): Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan presents a kit containing medicines during the free eye-check up camp at Tihar Prisons. Also seen in the picture are Dr. Manju Rani Aggarwal (R) and other prison authorities.

(Bottom): Shri Basant ji, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan ji alongwith GSDS staff, Doctors from AIIMS and the authorities of the Tihar Prisons.

A free eye-check up camp was organised for 185 patients at the CJ 8-9 in Tihar on September 2, 2016. The treatment was given by Dr. Praveen Vashist, MD, Professor & Head,

Community Ophthalmology, Dr. R.P. Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences, All India Institute of Medical Sciences. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Manju Aggarwal, Coordinator, Tihar programmes.

Painting Competition on Mutual Co-existence between Nature, Human and Wild Life

50 inmates of CJ-8-9 took part in the painting competition organised at Tihar Central Prisons on the theme *Mutual Co-Existence between Nature, Human and Wild Life* with great zeal and enthusiasm showing their creative talents. Jail Suptd Dr Harish Tyagi shared the experiences of his life in working with the inmates. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Manju Aggarwal of GSDS. The programme was organised on September 8, 2016.



(Top): Inmates of the Tihar Prisons of CJ-8&9 display their creativity after the programme.

(Bottom): Dr. Manju Rani Aggarwal interacts with the inmates as others keenly listens. Ms. Reeta from GSDS also took part.

Prize Distribution Ceremony organised

Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan along with Dr. Manju Aggarwal, coordinator Tihar programmes, Ms. Rita and Ms. Rachna attended the prize distribution ceremony for the painting competition that was organised during September 8, 2016. The staff of CJ 8-9, greeted the GSDS team.

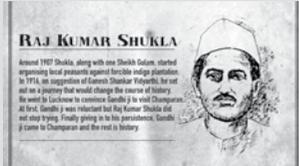


Prize distribution ceremony was organised in Tihar Prisons during which spectacles were distributed to the inmates by Dr. Manju Rani Aggarwal, Ms. Rachna and Ms. Reeta Kumari.

In addition to first, second and third prizes, three consolation prizes were awarded.

Further 121 glasses were provided to the beneficiaries of the eye check up camp.





Programmes in Champaran

Sanitation drive as part of the Swachhatta Pakhwara Rajkiya Buniyadi Vidyalaya, Brindavan

The Principal and teachers led their students in Sachhwatta drive in their school premises as part of the *Sachhwatta Pakhwara* during September 2 to October 2, 2016. During this period, the students also visited the three nearby villages and initiated cleanliness drive there. They further took part in the campaign to raise awareness on the importance of sanitation. They further pledged to continue this campaign every Monday.



Students of the Vidyalaya gather during the programme to mark the Swachhatta Pakhwara in Champaran.

At the Rajkiya Buniyadi Vidyalaya, Sirasia Adda, West Champaran, Bihar too, the school authorities led over 500 students in the Swachhatta (Cleanliness) Drive as part of the Swachhatta Pakhwara from September 20 to October 2, 2016 with great enthusiasm. This school too has pledged to continue this programme regularly.

Gram Sabha in Rashtriya Buniyadi Vidyalaya, Sirasia

A Gram Sabha was convened by the Mukhiya (head) of the village on October 22, 2016 in the Buniyadi Vidyalaya at Sirisia, at West Champaran. Shri Rajdeep Pathak, Programme Executive, GSDS Shri Pankaj Chaubey GSDS attended the Gram Sabha. Over 175 people took part at the Gram Sabha which was organised to select volunteer teachers teaching at the Vidyalaya. Presently, the GSDS has been paying monthly honorarium of Rs 5000/- to the nine volunteer teachers since 2014. Shri Sanjay Kumar Rai briefed that the Vidyalaya boasts of 400 + children at present.



Members from the village take part in the Gram Sabha at Rashtriya Buniyadi Vidyalaya, Sirasia in Champaran.

The Gram Sabha unanimously pointed that the present nine teachers working in the Vidyalaya are rendering their services with utmost sincerity, taking initiatives in bringing new children to the school, teaching them many other things beyond the curriculum too and encouraging the children to continue their education.

The members of the Gram Sabha further requested to appoint two additional teachers – Soni Kumari and Divya, as they, during their short stint at the school, worked dedicatedly towards the welfare of the children and the school.

The members of the Gram Sabha further requested for increase of the salary of the existing nine volunteer teachers.

The Gram Sabha concluded with a referendum that the support of the GSDS has increased the confidence of the volunteer teachers of the Vidyalaya who are taking extra time and effort towards improving the quality of education there.

Meeting at 1st Rajkiya Buniyadi Vidyalaya, Champaran

A meeting was also convened at the Rajkiya Buniyadi Vidyalaya at Brindaban, West Champaran regarding the setting up of the 'interpretation centre' by the GSDS. Shri Rajdeep Pathak attended the meeting on October 22, 2016.

For this, a layout/architectural design of the same has been obtained for designing the exhibition to be set up at the Interpretation Centre.

An interaction with the children of Kasturba Balika Residential School Brindaban was also organised in which a small teambuilding exercise was conducted with the children.

Kasturba Gandhi remembered on her 73rd Nirvan Divas

Students and teachers of the Rajkiya Buniyadi Vidyalaya, Bettiah Brindavan, West Champaran paid rich tributes to Ba (Kasturba Gandhi) on her 73rd Nirvan Divas at the Vidyalaya on February 22,



2017. Recalling Ba as an inspiration in the life of Babuji, the teachers highlighted the exemplary role Ba played in the freedom struggle in her own quiet manner.

Sports Day Celebrated

The Samiti in association with Rashtriya Buniyadi Vidyalaya, Sirasia Adda organised a sports day for the children at the Vidyalaya. The programme began by offering tributes to Gandhiji and Kasturba Gandhi. Over 300 students took part in the programme in different activities on February 23, 2017.

Workshop on Nature-Human-Wildlife organized

The Samiti organized a two-day workshop on "Nature-Human-Wildlife" at Kasturba Balika Vidyalaya, Bitiharwa, West Champaran on November 10-11, 2016 that was attended by students from the Vidyalaya, as well as the nearby Kasturba Balika Vidyalaya. About 150 participants took part in the programme.



(Inset): Shri Basant ji along with other distinguished guests at the inaugural programme.

(Below): Participating children at the workshop at Bitiharwa.



Shri Basant ji former advisor GSDS along with Shri Gulshan Gupta attended the programme. also attended the programme and spoke to the children. Teachers of the school were also present on the occasion.

Another similar interaction was held at the Rajkiya Buniyadi Vidyalaya at Brindaban Champaran that was attended by about 120 participants.



Shri Basant ji speaking at the Rajkiya Buniyadi Vidyalaya, Brindaban, Champaran during the workshop.



Discussions/ Dialogues/Seminars

Seminar on "Good Governance: Policy and Implementation"



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1. Shri J. Nandakumar ji speaking at the seminar in Gandhi Darshan.

2. National Vice President BJP, Shri Vinay Sahasrabuddhe makes a point, while Director GSDS Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan looks on.



Participants at the seminar in Tagore Auditorium at Gandhi Darshan.

The Samiti in association with *Public Policy Research* organised a day-long seminar for senior journalists on *Good Governance: Policy and Implementation* on May 3, 2016. The purpose of the seminar was to raise awareness among the Press and Media about new policy initiatives and achievements of the Government of India. The seminar was inaugurated by Dr Vinay Sahasrabuddhe, National Vice President, BJP and Director, PPRC. 29 journalists took part in the seminar. Others who were present on the occasion were: Shri J Nandkumar, Akhil Bharatiya Sahpracharak, RSS, Shri Deepankar S Gyan, Director, GSDS, Shri Santosh Gupta, Office Secretary, Good Governance Dept., BJJP & CEO, ISRN, Shri Dheeraj Nayyar, OSD, Head of Dept Economics & Political Economy, NITI Aayog, Shri Swadesh Singh, Professor, JNU, Shri Arun Narendranath, OSD, Shri Nitin Gadkari, Shri Ajay Singh, Editor, Firstpost, Shri Anuj Gupta, OSD, Shri Piyush Goyal, Shri Jayant Sinha, MoS, Ministry of Finance, Shri Siddharth Jhawar, OSD, Shri Ram Lalji, National General Secretary, BJP.

The seminar comprised four sessions namely:

- 'Policy driven change'
- 'Empowering the deprived and marginalized sections'
- 'Infrastructure development'
- 'Strengthening the economy'

The seminar met their objectives in promoting awareness of Government initiatives and familiarizing the participants with the development work done by the incumbent government in infrastructure, education, financial inclusion, strengthening the economy and empowering the marginalised sections of the society.

Dialogue on Swasth Balika, Swasth Samaj as part of International Day of Yoga

A dialogue on *Swasth Balika, Swasth Samaj* was organised in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat on June 21, 2016 as part of the International Day of Yoga. The programme highlighted issues related to the girl child and women *per se*. 80 people from different streams of the society that included academicians, social works, philanthropists, representatives from various non-governmental organisations, women's organisations, journalists, authors, musicians and singers, activists working on propagating generic medicines and others took part in the programme. Shri Ashutosh Singh, Chairman, *Swasth Bharat* Trust coordinated the programme. The programme was presided over by Shri Laxmi Dass, Vice-President of Harijan Sevak Sangh, and Member GSDS. Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan was also present on the occasion.



1. Shri Laxmi Dass, Vice-President Harijan Sevak Sangh lighting the inaugural lamp at the dialogue, as Smt. Malini Awasthi, eminent singer along with other guests join the inaugural ceremony.
2. Participants at the dialogue in Gandhi Darshan.

Some of the speakers who spoke on the occasion were Shri Ravi Shankar, Dr. Ananya Awasthi, Dr. Savithri Sowmya. S from AIIMS, Sangita Sinha, Editor, *Panchwa Stambh* magazine, Dr. Ganesh Rakh, Dr. Ganesh Rakh, Medicare Foundation Pune, Padmashri Smt. Malini Awasthi, renowned folk singer; Shri Amarnath Jha from Vaidehi Foundation, Ms. Alka Tripathi and others.

The following were the highlights of the discussion:

1. Safety of the girl child in terms of health, sanitation, food habits, physical labour and pregnancy related problems, etc.
2. Education of the girl child and empowerment of the women
3. Imparting moral values to the boy child right after birth and providing equality to both girls and boys
4. Indigenous treatment to the girl child with herbs etc in the line of naturopathy
5. Saying no to Antibiotics
6. Change in mindset is necessary.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Laxmi Dass said that there is a need to stop the inflow of allopathic medicines and switch over to nature cure. He said that neglect of matters related to health in a woman leads to the neglect of an entire generation.

Doyen of Hindi Journalism, Shri Prabhash Joshi remembered

Over 400 people took part in the celebrations to mark the birth anniversary of the doyen of Hindi Journalism, Shri Prabhash Joshi at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat. The *Prabhash Joshi Memorial Lecture* was delivered by noted environmentalist and thinker and founder Director of Goa Foundation Claude Alvares. Present on the occasion was Shri Mahendra Pandey, Minister of State for Human Resource Development, Government of India as the chief guest on the occasion. The programme was jointly organised by GSDS and Prabhash Parampara Nyas. Shri Ram Bahadur Rai, Chairman, IGNCA was also present on the occasion.



Shri Calude Alvares being felicitated by Director GSDS Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan.

In his address to the gathering, Calude Alvares on July 17, 2016 at Gandhi Darshan, Claude Alvares touched every aspect of human and environment, including alternative education that will effectively lead to the betterment of the nation. Taking a reference to (Lord) *Ganesh and Modern Intellectual standards*, Calude said that journalism today does not focus on the ideology of Gandhiji and Vinoba Bhave which is one of the many reasons for the present degeneration of human values and human society and the nation per se. Speaking about how our country has again got back to the method of organic farming, he said that people of this country, in order to achieve more in short time had take the aid of chemical farming which was detrimental to the Indian agriculture. He further lamented that while nations across the world are preserving their rich agricultural heritage, India is eluding from this path.



(Top): Shri Calude Alvares is seen delivering the 'Prabhash Joshi Memorial Lecture' as distinguished guests on dais is all ears.

(Bottom): People from different sections of the society such as artists, litterateurs, writers, authors participated in the programme.

Eminent litterateur, Dr. Namvar Singh who presided over the programme said that journalism today is more recognised as a medium of business rather than a medium of communication with the mass of the country.

Shri Mahendra Pandey said that there is a need to encourage the vision and understanding of Late Shri Prabhash Joshi as journalism today is leaving behind many of the crucial issues.

Shri Ram Bahadur Rai informed that a book on the life of Shri Prabhash Joshi as well as a fellowship in his name is being initiated by the Nyas.

On this occasion, renderings of Kabir Bhajan by artiste Shri Bhuvnesh Komkali kept the audience hooked to their seats.

Dialogue on Gandhian Philosophy: A Pathway to World Peace

About 150 participants comprising of students from the Delhi University, academicians, social workers, advocate, artists took part in the dialogue on *Gandhian Philosophy: A Pathway to World Peace* on August 20, 2016 at Gandhi Darshan.



Dr. Y P Anand, former Director National Gandhi Museum (inset) addresses a distinguished gathering of academicians (below) at the dialogue in Gandhi Darshan.



The key-note address was delivered by Prof. (Dr) N Radhakrishnan, eminent scholar and academican and former Director of GSDS.

Others who participated in the dialogue were: Shri Shankar Kumar Sanyal and Shri Laxmi Dass, Executive Member of GSDS. Dr. Anoop Swarup, Prof. Vidya Jain, Prof. T K Thomas, Dr. Y P Anand, Dr. A K Merchant, Dr. Savita Khan, Dr. Sangeeta Dahl, Advocate, Biraja Mahapatra and members from the Gandhian fraternity.

Discussions on growing conflicts across the world and the evolving humanitarian crisis that could be tackled to mutual coexistence and unity amongst people was mooted at the dialogue.

Day-long Awareness Programme on ill-effects of Consumption of Alcohol

Around 600 people took part of the programme organised by the GSDS in association with All India Prohibition Council on August 20, 2016. Dr. Ramjee Singh, Ex-MP, Rev. Thomas



An awareness rally on 'prohibition' in progress.

Panakkal, Vikar General, Kozhikode, Sayid Mohammed Soya Jamalullaili Thangal, Khasi Kozhikode, Shri C Krishnan Moose, President GPF, Kozhikode, Dr. Arsu, Visiting Professor, Gandhian Studies, Rev. Dr. Placid, Bathani Ashram, Shri Pappan Kannatti, District Committee, Secretary Kerala Prohibition Council, Mr. K G Radhakrishnan, Treasurer, Dist. Council Kerala, were present on the occasion.

Exploring Gandhi and Peace Building Workshop for Youth from Afghanistan

Almost 30 participants from Afghanistan took part in the workshop on Exploring Gandhi and Peace-building for Youth in Gandhi Darshan from September 1-10, 2016. Films on peace and nonviolence, interactions on peace using different methodologies and how people are affected by violence formed part of the discussions at the workshop. Director GSDS Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan interacted with the participants during which sharing of experiences by the visiting Afghan students became a highlight point. Shri Basant



Ms. Shreya Jani, (L) Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan (2nd from L), Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu (C), and members from team Afghanistan at the interactive programme.

ji from Karigar Panchayat also interacted with the participants. The programme was organised in association with STEP (Standing Together to Enable Peace)



Mr. Samuel conducts a training programme for the visiting youth group from Afghanistan.



Visiting delegate at the World Peace Gong in Gandhi Smriti.

The participants also travelled to Sewagram Ashram, Wardha and Anand Ashram at Waroor as part of their exposure visit. Ms. Ambalika from GSDS travelled with the team to Sevagram Ashram at Wardha, Maharashtra.

Sadbhavna Sannam on the occasion of Harijan Divas

As part of the celebrations to mark the Harijan Divas (September 24), a Sadbhavna Sannam was organised in Gandhi Darshan to commemorate the signing of the Poona Pact between Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar. It was on this day in 1932, the movement against untouchability was initiated by Mahatma Gandhi.

Educationists, social workers, philanthropists and other leaders from the Gandhian institutions took part in the programme organised on September 24, 2016.

Later, Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan took part in a community lunch that involved the participation of school children irrespective of case and creed to promote communal harmony and strengthen mutual trust in the society.

Seminar on Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao

The Samiti organised the two-day seminar on *Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao* in association with Gandhi Gyan Mandir on September 11-12, 2016. 182 participants took part in the seminar, which was inaugurated by Dr. Moizuddin, Vice Principal of Homeopathic Medical College, Saharsa. Dr Kripa Shankar Ojha was also present on the occasion.



Inauguration of the seminar on Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao in progress by distinguished guests.

Discussion was based on the importance of 'girl child and her education'. Shri Dinanath Prabodh, Secretary of Gandhi Gyan Mandir. Issues related to female literacy, female infanticide, dowry, etc focussed at the programme.

Day-long Seminar on Relevance of Gandhian Literature in Today's Circumstances

Gandhi Hindustani Sahitya Sabha (GHSS) in association with GSDS organised a day-long seminar at Kausani, Almorah, Uttarakhand on September 18, 2016 on the theme – *Relevance of Gandhian Literature in today's circumstances*”.

30 participants took part in the seminar. Km. Kusum Shah *Mantri* of GHSS; Dr. Diva Bhatt; Prof. Shekhar Pathak spoke on the Gandhian thoughts. Also Prof. Laxman Singh Bisht shared his thoughts on relevance of Gandhian thought in Education.

Re-Imagining Gandhi: Issues and Challenges of Terrorism – A Seminar

Over 300 students from different colleges took part in the national seminar on the theme *Re-Imagining Gandhi: Issues and Challenges of Terrorism* organised as part of the Gandhi

Jayanti celebrations at Zakir Hussain College on October 3, 2016 The seminar was organised by the *Indialogue* Foundation in association with the Samiti.



(Left): Prof. N Radhakrishnan and (R) Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan speaking the dialogue in Zakir Hussain College.

The idea behind this year's theme was to explore and highlight the Gandhian way of countering terrorism with an aim to provoke thoughts on whether or not his practice of ahimsa can be applied as a comprehensive approach to counter terrorism, while almost all other approaches are failing to produce the expected result.

Many prominent Gandhian scholars and public intellectuals, including former governor of Sikkim and home secretary Dr Balmiki Prasad Singh, renowned Gandhian thinker Prof N Radhakrishnan and author and academician Prof Anwar Alam from Zirve University, Turkey participated and eloquently presented their views on the theme of the event. Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan also took part in the programme.

Dr Prabhakar Rao, Principal, Zakir Hussain Delhi College; Prof M P Singh, Former Head, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi; Shri A V Swamy, Social Worker and MP (Rajya Sabha); Shri Kumar Prashant, Secretary,



(From L to R): Some of the speakers at the seminar included: Dr. Bilal, Dr. Prabhakar Rao, Shri B.P. Singh, Prof. N. Radhakrishnan and Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan.

Gandhi Peace Foundation; Shri Laxmidas, Vice President, Harijan Sevak Sangh; Prof S M Sajid, Faculty Member, Department of Social Work, Jamia Millia Islamia; Urmilesh, Writer, Journalist

and Broadcaster; Dilip Simeon, Labour Historian; Ujjwal Kumar Singh, Civil Liberty Activist and Faculty Member, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi were also present on the occasion.

Reliving the Memory of Buddha through Gandhi : Shantum Seth



Sh. Ngodup Dongchung, representative of H.H. the Dalai Lama speaks at the programme, as Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan (L) and Shri Basant (R) looks on.

(Below): Participants at the dialogue from India & abroad.



A 100 member delegation – mostly international Buddhist practitioners – from different parts of the world such as America, Europe, Japan, Norway took part in the discussion on *Gandhi and Buddha Path – An Exploration* organised by GSDS in association with Ahimsa Trust. The chief guest on the occasion was the representative of H.H. the Dalai Lama, Shri Ngodup Dongchung. The other speakers on the occasion were: Dr. Y P Anand, former Director, National Gandhi Museum, Shri Laxmi Dass, President of Harijan Sevak Sangh and EC member of GSDS; Shri Basant former advisor to GSDS, Dharmacharya Shantum Seth from Ahimsa Trust and Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan Director GSDS. The programme was organised on October 15, 2016 in Gandhi Smriti.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Ngodup Dongchung said that the relevance of Mahatma Gandhi has increased manifold in the present century when the world is engulfed in various types of conflicts. He further reiterated the principles and teachings of Gautam Buddha and said that HH the Dalai Lama has been able to take forward the message of Buddha and Gandhi across the globe.

Dr. Y P Anand while touching on various facets of Buddha and Gandhi said that both of them taught the principles of self realisation, compassion and voluntary service.



1. Dharmacharya Shantum Seth.
2. Dr. Y. P. Anand
3. Shri Laxmi Dass

Shri Shantum Seth while introducing the Buddhist practitioners reaffirmed his belief that the principles laid down by Buddha and practised by Gandhi are the solutions to the problems faced by the people all over the world. He said “Today we are living the memory of the Buddha through Mahatma Gandhi”.

Shri Basant in his address spoke on the 11 vows of Satyagraha popularly called as the *Ekadesh Vrata* and the role of village industries in promoting opportunities for people in the true Gandhian line of thought.

Calling that nonviolence for Gandhiji was not a trick, but a practice, Shri Laxmi Dass called upon the audience to have integrity and develop the strength of tolerance and culture of compassion.

Sister Bach Nghien, Kinh Nghien, Hang Nghien and Mai Nghien were felicitated on the occasion by Director GSDS.

Discussion with Judicial Officers on Mahatma Gandhi and Social Justice



(In the Pix): Shri Laxmi Kant Gaur (C) shares a word, as Shri Laxmi Dass (R) and Shri Rajdeep Pathak and Smt. Geeta Shukla keenly listens.

Over 40 participants took part in the discussion with the aspiring Judicial Officers in Gandhi Darshan on October 28, 2016 on *Understanding Gandhi*. The discussion on *Mahatma Gandhi and Social Justice* was led by Shri Laxmi Dass Vice-President of Harijan Sevak Sangh. Participants from Gandhi Peace Mission, Kerala also took part in the deliberations and shared their experiences.

Shri Laxmi Kant Gaur, Director Administration Delhi Judicial Academy, Smt. Geeta Shukla, Research Officer GSDS, and others were present on the occasion. Shri Rajdeep Pathak, Programme Executive coordinated the programme.



Participants at the dialogue in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.

Reflections of Mahatma Gandhi as a social thinker, an educationist, a seeker of truth were discussed during the interaction. Though Shri Laxmi Dass pointed that Mahatma Gandhi as an advocate was not so successful, yet his mediation techniques and his association with the people he met (even if they were opposed to his ideas) remain unquestionable. He asked the young aspiring judicial officers to develop the humane touch in their daily lives.

Conference on 'Gandhian Concept of Development'

Maharaja Purna Chandra (MPC) Autonomous College (MPC), Takhatpur, Baripada in Mayurbhanj, Odhisha, in association with the GSDS organised a three-day national level 39th



Release of a report during the conference on "Gandhian concept of Development" by the distinguished speakers on the dais in progress.

Annual Conference of Indian Society of Gandhian Studies on the theme: Gandhian Concept of Development from October 21-23, 2016 in their college. 200 delegates from different all India colleges, universities and research institutions participated in the conference and 150 delegates from within the state of Odisha scholars, Gandhian and Social workers joined the programme. The other partner organisations were: North Orissa University, Sreeram Chandra Vihar and Antodaya Chetna Mandal. Dr. Banaja Mohanty, Principal of MPC Autonomous College; Prof. Ramjee Singh, eminent Gandhian scholar, thinker and activist; Dr. Satish Rai from Banaras Hindu University, Prof. N P Modi, from Wardha; Canny Natarajan from Gandhigram, Tamil Nadu; Yama Guchi from Japan were some of the important speakers at the conference.



Participants attending the conference.

The conference was inaugurated by the veteran Gandhian Prof. Ramjee Singh, the Additional secretary of Higher education, Government of Odisha Sri PK Das and Prof. Prafulla Kumar Mishra the Vice Chancellor of North Orissa University and the dignitaries from the universities and ISGS were guest of honours of the conference

The objective of the conference was to deliberate on the relevance of Gandhian ideology and ideals to present day India. Keeping in mind that India is as much in the same position today as seven decades ago at the time of her independence, the conference sought to explore the importance of Gandhian principles to a powerful and prosperous nation.

The second day all the delegates visited tribal villages of Rashgovindpur block to understand and assess the impact of development activities on education, livelihood, culture and joined in a big gathering for inter face dialogue with the tribals and social workers of the organisation Ms. Geetanjali Pattnaik, Basant Bhai, the tribal former minister of Odisha and MP Sri Birabhadra Singh, Prof. S.P Mani Tripathy from Gorakhpur, the local Sarpanch Laxmi Hansda, Dr. Puspa Motiani from Gujarat Vidyapeeth, Dr. D K Dinkar, Sri Nripendra Modi and many other joined the dialogue on

tribal challenges and alternative development for self reliance community as dreamt by Mahatma Gandhi.

The conference intended upon thrusting Gandhian principle, precepts, philosophy and ideals upon various institutions across India and make policy makers realise the relevance of Gandhian parameters to present time and persuade them to implement it in true letter and spirit for all round progress and sustainable prosperity of the world.

Seminar on Mahatma Gandhi's thought on Education and Culture

A one-day seminar on Mahatma Gandhi's thought on education and culture was organized on November 6, 2016 at Gandhi Darshan in association with Vidya Vihar Shiksha Samithi. About 150 participants took part in this seminar.

Mahatma Gandhi had rightly said, "By education I mean all-around development, drawing out of the best in the child-man body, mind and spirit." Literacy according to him is neither the end of education nor even the beginning. It is one of the means whereby man and woman can be educated. Literacy in itself is not education."

According to the speakers, Mahatma Gandhi's education principles included equity, social justice, non-violence, human dignity, economic well being, and cultural self-respect. All of these can be subsumed into the broader, umbrella term of Swaraj, they pointed out.

There was intense discussion on Gandhian philosophy of basic education and the importance of the use of hands. This was related to the focus of the Government to promote skill development in the country.

Mahatma Gandhi's vision on culture was also discussed and how he talked about Indian culture being a synthesis. According to the speakers he had said Indian culture stands for synthesis of the different cultures that have come to stay in India, that have influenced Indian life, and that, in their turn, have themselves been influenced by the spirit of the soil.

Seminar on impact of 25 years of Globalization on Indian Rural Economy

The Samiti in association with the Bhartiya Kisan Sangh organized a two-day seminar on how 25 years of globalization has impacted the Indian rural economy. The



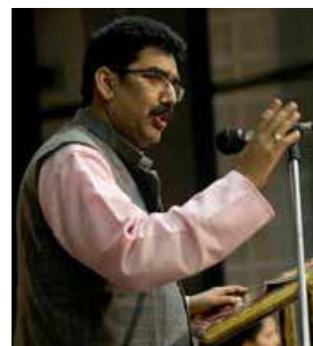
Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, senior leader BJP being felicitated at the seminar (Inset), as the participants look on (below).



programme was organized in Gandhi Darshan on November 10-11, 2016. More than 100 participants from different parts of the country including farmers, those involved in rural work and other practitioners took part in the seminar.

Speakers underlined the importance of introducing and practicing organic farming in all parts of the country and promote sustainable agriculture.

Seminar on Mahatma Gandhi in the present context



(Left): Dr. Y P Anand former Director National Gandhi Museum and (Right): Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Director GSDS share their perspectives at the seminar at Hansraj College.

The Samiti in association with the Hans Raj College, Delhi University organized a two-day seminar on Mahatma Gandhi in the present context on November 10-11, 2016. It was inaugurated by the Director, GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan. Senior academicians and university teachers from Delhi and other states took part in this seminar. More than 150 research scholars also took part in the seminar.

Different aspects of Gandhian philosophy like education, health, economics, rural development were discussed during the two day seminar. Also the essence of skill development by hands as envisaged by Mahatma Gandhi and the present context was discussed in details.

"Young Academicians Meet on Swadeshi-Making India Self Reliant" – A Seminar

About 150 participants took part in the three-day seminar on "Young Academicians Meet on Swadeshi – Making India Self Reliant" in Gandhi Darshan on December 23-25, 2016. It provided a platform for youth to brainstorm about various topics of national importance and to inspire them to work for the development of the country. The meet was attended by young faculty members from various IITs and PhD students studying in India and abroad.



Participants interacting at the dialogue in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.



The participants discussed Gandhiji's idea of Swadeshi in present context as it is not limited to product manufactured within a geographical boundary. For academic institutions to work on Bhartiya perspective it is essential for them to have autonomy from system but they should be answerable to society.

The participant presented their views on incorporating idea of Swadeshi in modern jargons. Noteworthy point was to make this idea fashionable, to make Swadeshi by choice rather than by force also it is essential to highlight Swadeshi doesn't mean anti-progress or anti-development.

Smt. Shashwati Jhalani, Librarian, GSDS conducted orientation of participants about GSDS and Gandhi Ji's life mission. She highlighted from Gandhi ji we can learn integrity and a zeal for self-improvement as individuals and collectively.

Shri Mahesh Sharma, social worker from tribal area of Jhabua discussed with participants about the basic nature of society, how Indian value system holds the key for sustainable growth. He discussed the idea of *panch-kosh* in context of society and further asserted a need to make selfless individuals, selfless villages and selfless societies. He said even a small action of service is making that person selfish then it is insidious to society thus we must inculcate an attitude of *Parmarth* in every individual.

Prof. Ramasubramanian, a noted Vedanta scholar and faculty at IIT Bombay shared his valuable knowledge in a Q&A with participants. He talked about *KarmaYoga* in academic profession, how we can incorporate the high ideals of *Rishi Parampara* in our teaching and mentoring profession.

Professor Karmalkar shared his experiments with product development. In 1991-92, he took leave without pay from his academic profession, to work on development of VHF diodes which are used for defence communication application. He mentioned the need of experimenting with product development require interdisciplinary knowledge.

In the valedictory session the participants committed deliverables at individual level and champion at least one field of technology/policy and then further give Indian perspective to it.

Seminar on role of Women in Panchayati Raj System

The Samiti in association with Naveen Ankur Mahila Mandal in Raipur, Chattisgarh organised a day-long seminar on *Role of Women in Panchayati Raj System* on December 30, 2016 at the Shaheed Smarak Bhawan, Raipur. Shri Krishan represented the Samiti in the seminar. Discussions on the improvement in the Panchayati Raj institutions focussed during the seminar. About 500 women from the villages from the panchayats took part in the programme.



Participants interacting with Shri Krishan Kumar (inset) during the seminar in Chattisgarh.



The programme was attended by Ms. Harshita Pandey President of State Women Commission, Phool Chand Nagariya (poet), K Subramaniam DGM, NABARD, Shaligram Sharma, Member Janpad, Dharsima Panchayat; National President Gulabi Gang, Suman Singh Chauhan, Rohit Agnihotri (PA to MLA Raipir) Jai Prakash Shivhare, Founder Gulabi Gang, Mahesh Vaid Secretary Ma Saraswati Bal Kalyan Samiti, Raipur and Smt. Leena Mohan N P (Vice President Bharatiya Majdoor Sangh), Smt. Shatabdi Subodh Pandey, Chairperson Children Commission, Sh. Sukhbir Singhotra MD CG 24 News Channel and Smt. Meena Gautam, Chairperson Naveen Ankur Mahila Mandal.

The different sessions that were conducted as part of the seminar were:

1. Awareness on Beti Bachao Beti Padhao
2. Raise of pay for women in work place from labour class
3. Women empowerment and role on women in the Panchayats
4. Mahatma Gandhi's views on Women and Society

Dialogue on "Mahatma Gandhi – The Journalist" organised

Over 200 students from different institutions of Journalism and Mass Communication took part in the two-day national seminar on "Mahatma Gandhi – The Journalist" in Gandhi Darshan on January 10-11, 2017. The programme was organised by the Samiti in association with Udit Asha Welfare Society.



Distinguished speakers at the dialogue-cum-workshop on "Mahatma Gandhi - The Journalist" in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.

The guest speakers included: senior journalist Shri Ram Bahadur Rai, Chairperson of IGNC; Professor Anand Kumar of JNU; Professor Prem Singh, Delhi University; Shri Atul Prabhakar, Shri Ashutosh, Shri Amlesh Raju journalist.

Shri Ram Bahadur Rai spoke about the period from 1893 to 1948 during which Mahatma

Gandhi by his prolific writing on the state of the nation under British rule, ignited the spirit of Satyagraha through leading the non-violent freedom struggle, both in South Africa and India.



Participants from different colleges of Delhi and NCR and media organisations took part in the dialogue.



A street play on the occasion by college groups kept the audience amazed.

Professor Anand Kumar said that in Mahatma Gandhi's journalism there was a natural synthesis of purity of purpose and truthfulness of action. In his writings the nation became one entity removing all difference and disputes.

During the two-day seminar, the other speakers such as Shri Arvind Mohan, Shri Sopan Joshi interacted with the participants on contemporary journalism and the distinguishing features of print and electronic media. They also argued on the essence of ethics of journalism.

The speakers unanimously felt that the ideals practiced by Mahatma Gandhi as a journalist need to be implemented in these troubled times when the nation is looking desperately to resolve the various conflicts.

Swami Vivekananda and Mahatma Gandhi's idea of Antodaya – A Dialogue

The Samiti organised a dialogue on Swami Vivekananda and Mahatma Gandhi's idea of Antodaya on January 12, 2017 that marked the 154th birth anniversary of the visionary saint, Swami Vivekananda. The programme included distinguished speakers from various sections of the society. They were Sh. Debashish Mukherjee from the Ramakrishna Mission, New De Ihi; Dr. A.K. Merchant, Bahai house; Sh. C.S. Pran, former Director of the NYKS; Sh. Basantji former advisor to GSDS and Sh. Vimalji from the field of journalism.



Shri Debashish Mukherjee (above) from Ramakrishna Mission Delhi speaks to the participants (below) at the dialogue in Gandhi Darshan.



Speaking on the occasion, Shri Debashish Mukherjee highlighted the four strong characteristic traits of Swamiji such as: He was very energetic, vibrant and sporty; he was extremely rational had to question almost anything until he was satisfied with the answers; he was a very compassionate person who was always eager to help the needy and he had the ability to immerse himself in deep meditation since a very young age.

Dr. A.K. Merchant pointed out the similarities between the two great men. He said that the huge socio-economic discrepancies can only be bridged by the practical application of Sarvodaya and Antyodaya. The *Vaishnav Jan* hymn summarises the essence of Mahatma Gandhi's life and these teachings help us to grow continually. A synthesis of science and spirituality, prayer and moral lessons all help us reach the goals of Antyodaya.

Sh. C.S. Pran of NYKS spoke about how Swamiji had said that hundred dedicated youth could change the destiny of a nation. What Swamiji taught us was to imbibe in our lives three basic virtues such as: (a) Compassion (b) determination and (c) meaningful work plan.

Both Swamiji and Mahatma Gandhi had all this and more in them and devoted all their lives to the betterment of humanity.

Earlier, Director GSDS Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan welcomed the gathering and asked the young participants to follow the path of justice which both Swami Vivekananda and Gandhiji had followed all through their life. He pointed that both of them stood for the cause of the poor and humanity.

Revisiting the Life and Times of Mahatma Gandhi: A Dialogue with Smt Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee

A dialogue on Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy and Women Empowerment with the women ambassadors, High Commissioners was organised in Gandhi Smriti on January 19, 2017. The programme was presided by Smt. Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee, former Vice Chairperson GSDS and granddaughter of Mahatma Gandhi. About 50 people took part in the dialogue.

Smt. Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee, former Vice Chairperson GSDS and granddaughter of Mahatma Gandhi (R) speaks to a distinguished audience of members from the diplomatic corps and academics in Gandhi Smriti (below).



Recalling her days with her grandfather, Smt. Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee recollected many incidents that happened in the erstwhile Birla House (today Gandhi Smriti) such as when Sir Stafford Cripps visited India or when the fateful

evening of January 30, 1948, when she ran with her younger brother to meet her Bapuji for the last time.

Interactions with the members of the High Commission and the Embassies brought to light the varied cultural conglomeration of the east and west and how the Samiti could take up such initiatives to promote an integrated vision bringing together the cultures through different programmes.

Earlier, Smt. Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee led the delegation to the Prayer Ground in Gandhi Smriti where they offered tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at the Martyrs Column.

The occasion also saw the launch of Srijan Khadi outlet in Gandhi Smriti that was inaugurated by Smt. Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee along with the visiting delegation. Present on the occasion were Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan and Shri Basant Singh and the staff of GSDS.

Interaction on "Understanding Gandhi – the Concept of Servant Leadership"

An interactive session on "Understanding Gandhi – The Concept of Servant Leadership" was organized by the Samiti for the students of Delhi University on January 19, 2017. Prof. D.S Rawat Provost of Jubilee Hall of Delhi University presided over the meeting. The Warden and Resident Tutor of Jubilee Hall were also present. The meeting was addressed by Sri GVVSDS Prasad, Secretary Sarva Seva Sangh and Visiting Gandhian Scholar Cardinal Stritch University and Prof. Mark Gesner and Prof. Nancy Blair from Cardinal Stritch University in Wisconsin state, USA.



(From L to R): Shri GVVSDS Prasad of Gandhi King Foundation, Prof. Nancy Blair and Prof. Mark Gesner from Cardinal Stritch University USA in an interaction on "Understanding Gandhi" in Jubilee Hall, Delhi University.

Initiating the topic of *Understanding Gandhi*, Sri Prasad said Mahatma Gandhi is studied and his methods are applied world over. Human Rights movements, Civil Rights Movements, Social Justice Movements, and Environmental Movements are drawing from the nonviolence technique of Mahatma Gandhi.



Participants at the interaction on "Understanding Gandhi" in Jubilee Hall, Delhi University.

In many universities courses are taught on Gandhian philosophy. He stood for the equality of all men and the need for truth, brotherhood, compassion and service. Gandhi excelled in every function of Management. Management schools study Gandhian technique of management.

The Netaji and the Mahatma: Trajectories of Nationalism and Blueprints of India – A Dialogue

The Samiti in association with Nehru Museum Memorial and Library organised a dialogue on "The Netaji and the Mahatma: Trajectories of Nationalism and Blueprints of India" in Gandhi Smriti on January 23, 2017, that marked the 120th birth anniversary of the brave soldier of the Nation, Netaji, Subhash Chandra



School children lead the invocation during the programme.

Bose. Dr. Anjana Sharma, Associate Prof. Dept. of English (Delhi University), Dr. Gopa Sabrawal, Associate Prof. Dept. of Sociology, Lady Sri Ram College were speakers on the occasion. The session was chaired by Shir Laxmi Dass, Executive Committee Member of GSDS and Vice President of Harijan Sevak Sangh.

The programme began with a presentation of patriotic songs by children from G P Public School. Also Shri Hiroshi Miyamoto from Japan presented an instrumental rendition on his Zen Raga (Swarmandalam).



Distinguished speakers share their thoughts on Netaji and Gandhiji at the dialogue in Gandhi Smriti, as participants are seen in rapt attention.

The dialogue delved upon the schisms between the two paradigms of nationalism: the Gandhian and that of Bose. What was that “revolutionary road” which the “nationalist mainstream” was reluctant to take? How did Bose envisage the international political order and India’s role in it? What were the premises of his concurrence with Gandhi? It further aimed towards highlighting the camaraderie that the Mahatma and Netaji shared, when the latter also addressed Gandhiji as the Father of the Nation.

4th Delhi University Policy Summit on Taking Cognizance of Criminalisation of Politics and Prospects of Simultaneous Election organised



Participants at the ‘4th DU Policy Summit’ in Gandhi Darshan share their thoughts on various issues of governance.



Justice (Retd) Markandey Katju felicitating a young speaker at the summit.

The Samiti in association with Campus Law Centre Students Union, University of Delhi organised the 4th Delhi University Policy Summit in Gandhi Darshan on February 3-4, 2017 that was attended by over 100 participants. The theme of the discussion was *Taking Cognizance of Criminalisation of Politics and Prospects of Simultaneous Election*. Shri Vikramjeet Banerjee, Sr. Advocate in Supreme Court of India; Ms. Monika Arora, Standing Council, Union of India; Mr. Balendu Shekhar, from National Green Tribunal and Mr. Piyush Beriwal, Advocate from Delhi High Court were the main speakers on the discussion.

Various recommendations and suggestions came up during the discussion on Criminalisation of Politics and Simultaneous Election.

Some of the major points are as under:

- i. Disallow anonymous donations without an Aadhar card number.
- ii. Make 'paid news' a criminal offence, with 'paid news' as defined by Press Council of India.
- iii. Creation of fast track courts/election tribunal to try political candidates and reduce burden on judiciary.
- iv. Encourage awareness of criminal records to the public.
- v. Increase in efficiency and effectiveness of the governance. Disruption in governance
- vi. Due to imposition of Model Code of Conduct time and again because of frequent elections.
- vii. Ceaseless election cycles leads to administrative lethargy and policy paralysis.

Seminar on "Challenges and Opportunities before Women"

The Samiti in association with Social Reforms and Research Organisation (SRRN) organized a seminar on "Challenges and Opportunities before Women" at India Islamic Culture Centre on March 8, 2017 as part of the celebrations to mark the International Women's Day. The Chief Guest on the occasion was Shri Sudharshan Bhagat, Hon'ble Minister of State for Agriculture, Government of India.

Discussions on issues of women empowerment focussed at the seminar that was presided over by eminent social worker Smt. Sanrika Sharma. The keynote address was delivered by Smt. Geeta Tai Gunde. The programme was attended by almost 400 youth participants from Delhi University, Makhanlal University of Journalism and Mass Communication, I. P. College, Laxmibai College, representatives from different social organisations.

Cultural performances by children were other highlights of the evening. Lauding the efforts of the organisers in recognising the work done by women from different areas, Shri Sudharshan Bhagat reiterated the role of family in strengthening the women workforce across the country and boosting their morale. 29 women from different professions were honoured with the Nari Shakti Awards on the occasion.

Panel Discussion on Save Ganga, Save Yamuna organized

The Samiti in association with Save Ganga Movement and Mokshda Paryavaran Evam Van Suraksha Samiti organized a seminar on "Save Ganga, Save Yamuna" at Gandhi Darshan on March 12, 2017 to commemorate the 87th anniversary of the historic Dandi March.



(Top): H.H. Swami Prakashananda, Regional Head Chinmaya Mission, New Delhi and (bottom): Smt. Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee, granddaughter of Mahatma Gandhi share their thoughts, as Smt. Rama Raute keenly listens.

Distinguished speakers and religious leaders took part in the programme. Smt. Rama Raute convener of Save Ganga Movement, Ms. Chitra from Moshda and a host of other speakers took part in the deliberations to help garner support and send recommendations to the Government to build up strong policies to prevent the river water from further degeneration. That there is a need for proper policy planning and its implementation; proper training to people associated with the project; treatment of toilets, drains and setting up a plan for involving the "town planners" for *en masse* sewage treatment was mooted by the participants during the discussion.

Smt. Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee, who was also present on the occasion as a special guest while addressing the audience, underlined the philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi who said that nature provides for man's need but not his greed. She called for involvement of religious heads of different temples and institutions who she felt

should give a call to the public to stop dirtying the river Ganges. She further said there is an urgent need to start the cleansing of the entry and exit points to the river Ganges.

National Seminar on "Beliefs of Mahatma Gandhi for Vibrant Youth – The hope of India"

The Samiti in association with Amity Institute of Education organized a national seminar on "Beliefs of Mahatma Gandhi for Vibrant Youth – the hope of India" on March 21, 2017 as part of the commemorative celebrations of the 87th anniversary of the historic Dandi March. Shri Laxmi Dass, Vice-President, Harijan



(Above): Shri Laxmi Dass speaks at Amity Institute of Education during the seminar, as Principal of the institute, Dr. Ranjana Bhatia and Programme Executive GSDS, Rajdeep Pathak are all ears.

Sevak Sangh and EC Member GSDS who was the chief guest on the occasion, delivered the key note address. Over 400 students from different colleges of Delhi and NCR and different states took part in the programme. The other speakers at the day-long seminar included Shri Rajdeep Pathak, Programme Executive, GSDS; Shri Ramesh Sharma, noted Gandhian, Shri Sopan Joshi, noted environmentalist; Prof. Salil Mishra, Prof. Ambedkar University and Dr. Aparna Basu, Chairperson, National Gandhi Museum. The

valedictory address was delivered by Smt. Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee, former Vice-Chairperson, GSDS and granddaughter of Mahatma Gandhi. Dr. Ranjana Bhatia, Principal of Amity Institute of Education was also present on the occasion.

Advocating about the 'power of the youth', Shri Laxmi Dass said reiterated his belief that the amalgamation of youth energy and experience of the elderly can bring out the desired social change in the country. He said, "All members of the society should channelize their effort in the betterment of their nation. Students of today are citizens of tomorrow" and their enthusiasm can help build the confidence of the country".

Speaking to the prospective teachers, Shri Rajdeep Pathak asserted that a teacher's role is not only to teach but also to understand their students. The teacher must enter the classroom with an open mind and must not be opinionated at any time. Quoting Mahatma Gandhi who said that for achieving world peace, one must begin with children, he said that the teacher must cater to every need of a student whether it includes academics or refreshing a child's mind by exposing him to nature. Teacher employs the role of a gardener and rears her sapling (student) in the path of righteousness".

Mr. Sopan Joshi began his session by recounting his early memories of Gandhi who had later become a very inspiring force in his life and who left a deep impression upon his thoughts. He further emphasized that with the changing times or the Internet age that we live in, it poses a challenge to our self time or the time that we should be utilizing to work upon our self to change our destiny. "The times have changed and so is the speed of the information exchange, a point to which audiences related and agreed unanimously. The great speed with which we humans are moving ahead has tremendously cut down our time with our own self. Hence, there is a need of some introspection and to make the speed of the machine in closer contact with the speed of our own body's development, a thought that was indeed thought provoking", he said. Calling for nurturing human resource, Shri Sopan Joshi said, "Human Resource is the only real resource as all other resources are materialistic and inconsequential".

In his address to the gathering on "Role of Youth Volunteer for Constructive Work", Shri Ramesh Sharma said that Mahatma Gandhi created 'real volunteers'. Talking about the ideal characteristics that Gandhi's "volunteer", the one in service of constructing a progressive society,

must possess. These included – a sense of self-discipline, fearlessness and fortitude in doing the Right, uncompromising self-esteem, and forgiveness for the evil-doer (which comes from the Gandhian idea of hating the evil, not the evil-doer). According to him, Mahatma Gandhi's 'volunteer' must be inquisitive, and must learn to question the norms and conventions; for it is only by questioning that one gets to bring about changes in the existing order of things. That is expected from today's youth.

Speaking on the theme "Relevance of Mahatma Gandhi's Concept of Non-Violence in the Contemporary World", Prof. Salil Mishra said that Mahatma Gandhi believed in transformation. The change should come in our actions and ideologies. His idea of growing up was not in isolation, but through communication at various levels. He was always open to dialogue by way of discussions and debates. His agenda was to develop new ideas



(In the pix - from Lto R): *Principal, Dr. Ranjana Bhatia, Prof. Aparna Basu, Chairperson NGM, Smt. Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee and Prof. Salil Mishra at the interactive seminar.*

and be vocal about it. "With Gandhiji, the notion of nonviolence attained a special status. He not only theorized on it, he adopted nonviolence as a philosophy and an ideal way of life. He made us understand that the philosophy of nonviolence is not a weapon of the weak; it is a weapon, which can be tried by all. Non-violence worked on two grounds for Gandhi: Strategic dimension and moral philosophical dimension", emphasised Prof. Mishra.

Calling Gandhi, the 'best bet', Prof. Mishra said that the idea of struggling for truth and resisting evil, provides us with one of the most brilliant examples of Gandhian critical thinking and public questioning. Questioning in this context is the non-violent process of speaking up against power while withstanding tyranny and silencing. In other words, Gandhi's main concern is not with ahimsa, as kindness and gentleness. Connecting past to present, Gandhi makes a synergy of thought and non-violent action, which has larger consequence in the contemporary world.

While speaking on "Understanding Gandhi through Non-Violent Action", Dr. Aparna Basu speaking on the same theme, deliberated upon the key concepts of Satyagraha and Education that were used by Mahatma Gandhi towards carrying out his non-violent struggle in the country. "The constructive program deals with the way of carrying out a struggle. Struggle should aim at self-improvement", Dr. Basu said. She spoke about the key issues related to education, sanitation, women empowerment, basic and adult education, village economy, etc". To understand the essence of Gandhiji's Constructive Programme, it is essential to study it from a social angle and keep it apart from any form of political struggle, Dr. Basu concluded.

The valedictory address was given by Smt. Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee who pointed that people have known Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi as a spiritual and social activist, but very few knew about him as man-with-a-family. Calling him the "Original minimalist" she remembered him as a learned man who was greatly influenced and transformed by his "Yatras". She categorically mentioned the pivotal role of Kasturba Gandhi in shaping a large part of Gandhi's life and called a true symbol of women empowerment.

Smt. Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee gave away certificates to the participants along with Dr. Aparna Basu.

National Seminar on Dynamics of Indian Culture: Past, Present and Future with special emphasis on Baa and Babu

The Samiti in association with the Department of History, Janki Devi Memorial College, University of Delhi organized a "National Seminar on Dynamics of Indian Culture: Past, Present and Future with special emphasis on Baa and Babu" on March 27, 2017. The chief



Prof. T K V Subramaniam (C) Justice Gyan Sudha Mishra (R) at the inauguration of the national seminar in Janaki Devi college.



guest on the occasion was Justice Gyan Sudha Mishra, retired Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. The other speakers at the seminar included Prof. T K V Subramaniam, Department of History, University of Delhi, Prof. Deo Shankar Navin from the Centre of Indian Languages, School of Language, J.N.U, Prof. Akhlaque Ahaan, from the Centre of Persian and Central Asian Studies, School of Language, J.N.U; Prof. Janaki Nair, from the Centre for Historical Studies, J.N.U. A lecture-cum-demonstration by Guru Kishan Maharaj and exponent of Lucknow Gharana was another highlight of the programme. The GSDS was represented by Shri Rajdeep Pathak, Programme Executive, GSDS and Shri Gulshan Gupta, North East Coordinator. The valedictory address was delivered by Shri Laxmi Dass, Vice-President, Harijan Sevak Sangh and Executive Member GSDS.

1. Prof. T K V Subramaniam
2. Prof. Manisha Agnihotri
3. Justice (Retd) Gyan Sudha Mishra
4. Dr. Smita Mitra
5. Prof. Akhlaque Ahaan
6. Shri Rajdeep Pathak
7. Prof. R. Mahalaxmi

Addressing the gathering at the inaugural session, Justice Gyan Sudha Mishra raised the issue of cultural pollution and the need to nurture ethics and values. She called upon the women to stand up and speak for their rights, which Mahatma Gandhi had always advocated for.

Prof. T K V Subramaniam in his key note address addressed the issue of culture in terms of visions that scripted the National Culture and remembered the contributions and vision of Sri Aurobindo, Mahatma Gandhi, Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad. Calling that the power of culture is powerful than the power of politics, Prof. Subramaniam said, "Whereas politics is limited with time, the power of culture transcends time, hence, democratic. Culture was visioned as a dynamic, dialogical contested domain intertwined with structures of power. It is also cyclical. Culture has been seen as a resource on which a tradition was built. This according to Prof. Subramaniam, can be seen in the regional works of Kunal Chakraborty and R. Champaklakshmi.

Reiterating the views of Mahatma Gandhi on culture, Shri Rajdeep Pathak said that Mahatma Gandhi always believed in the amalgamation of different cultures of the world but refused to be blown away by those. He had his firm belief on his roots and nourished. He called upon the youth to invest in relationship and asked them to nurture (romance) and fall in love with their roots in order to preserve their cultural heritage.

Prof. Deo Shankar Navin who spoke on the debate and discussion of folk culture in Indian tradition, pointed out that culture is a vast subject matter and is part of our heritage and is also flexible since it binds us as well as makes us independent. There is a constant give and take between regional cultures which result in its synthesis.



Shri Laxmi Dass speaks to a large number of students participating at the national seminar at Janki Devi Memorial College.





A lecture-cum-demonstration by Guru Jai Kishan Maharaj of Lucknow Gharana along with his disciples was enthralling.



Prof. Akhlaque Ahaan, spoke about the "Ganga-Jamuna Tehzeeb ki Samanvayak Sanskriti" highlighted the cultural engagements between the sub-continent and Central Asia. He cited examples from the Greek Architecture, the Persian Architecture and said that one could witness interaction and synergy between the architectures of the world. Greek texts were being translated along with texts from the Indian sub-continent on a variety of themes such as medicine, mathematics and philosophy. He further elaborated that the influence of Rumi and Sanai can be seen in Tagore's work as well.

Speaking about the rich cultural heritage, Prof. Ahaan said that Badauni translated Ramayana and Mahabharata despite being a conservative Muslim. Similarly, translated texts by Chandra Bhan Brahman were taught in the Madrasas. Also Dara Shikoh compiled the Upanishad and translated it which then got translated into French and Latin by Duperron. It thus became a period of debate and constant engagement, he concluded.

Mr. Gulshan Gupta, pointed out that Indian Culture cannot be created or destroyed at one go for its roots are very deep. Calling culture a self-analysis and an expression that is reflected on our behaviour (dharma), he called for healthy debate for a better understanding.

Session II that was chaired by Dr. Saumya Gupta, saw Prof. Janaki Nair, sharing her perspective on "Indian Culture: Resource or Burden". She pointed to the renaissance movement of the Indian culture and said that the 19th century India was marked by social reforms, led by the likes of Raja Rammohan Roy, Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar and Keshab Chandra Sen

who focused on the status of women – which Prof. Nair said that they (women) instead of being subjects were passive objects of reform. She further elaborated on the nature of the reformation movement and said that while in Bengal, the reform movement was led by the upper caste, in other regions people from the non-brahmanical, very often, lower caste section like Jyotiba Phule, Pandit Ramabai and Tarabai Shinde led the crusade that shaped the cultural forms. Prof. Nair concludes that because of the culture of protests that emerged during the 19th century, the issue of women empowerment also emerged – though she concludes that they (women) are only the bearers and not the makers of tradition.

Prof. R Mahalaxmi while speaking on "Religious Art and Architectural Traditions in Ancient/Early Medieval India" shared her perspectives on the cultural confluence as well as differences in both art and architecture which has served as important sources to study religion. She spoke of a seamless flow of culture which has enormous diversity.

A lecture-cum-demonstration by Guru Jai Kishan Maharaj of Lucknow Gharana was enthralling.

The valedictory address was given by Shri Laxmi Dass, Vice-President of Harijan Sevak Sangh. Shri Laxmi Dass spoke on the rich cultural diversity of the country and the need for cultural exchange. He urged the students to recognize different culture within Indian which alone can result in cultural religions in order to unify India.

Four seminars on Gandhi and Women Empowerment organised

Four seminars on the theme "Gandhi and Women Empowerment" were organized by the GSDS in association with Pratigya in different colleges and institutions in Ranchi on March 18, 21, 28 & 29, 2017 respectively. Participation at each of the seminar ranged from 150-200.

➤ March 18, 2017 – Yogoda Satsanga Mahavidyalaya, Ranchi

The emphasis at this seminar was put on the role and work by the organizations in their field, the purpose of the seminar and brief view on Gandhian thought and women. It was followed by session on "Patriarchy, Gandhi and Women Empowerment", by Dr. Saraswati Mishra, Head of Department, Philosophy, Ranchi University and enshrined the audience on the topic and contemporary issues. The resource person focused especially on why empowerment

of women is the need of the hour, circumstances leading to women empowerment and its effects.



Participants at the seminar in full attention.

The other speakers at this seminar included Ms. Sangeeta Kujara (An Entrepreneur), Ms. Reshma Kumari (Program Coordinator, AALI) and Mr. Pradeep Kumar Sinha (Associate Professor, Yogoda Satsanga Mahavidyalaya). Discussions on "Problems faced by Girls & Women and legal / social support available to them", was prominently addressed by the resource persons.

The concluding session by Mr Chandan Singh, Programs Head, Pratigya on "Issues with Personal Liberty of women in the surrounding" saw a lively interaction with the participants.

➤ **March 21, 2017 – Amity University, Ranchi**

The Vice-chancellor of Amity University, Dr. Raman Kumar Jha was the chief guest on the occasion. He addressed the audience briefly, emphasizing on the strengths of women and her role towards family. Mr. Ajay Kumar of Pratigya introduced GSDS to the participants. A session was taken by Mr. Rajan Kumar Singh Doctorate fellow from Delhi University on "Patriarchy, Gandhi and Women Empowerment", He focused on the contemporary debates on the identity of women, the problem of women on role conflict, difference between sex and gender. The resource person engaged the audience in a role playing game where the stigma of selected jobs for selected sex was tried to change.



Speakers at the seminar at Amity University, Ranchi.

A panel discussion by these eminent resource persons - Dr. Suman Dubey (A medical practitioner and a social worker), Ms. Sachi Kumari (Secretary, CSS) and Dr. Raman Kumar Jha (Vice-Chancellor, Amity University), Mr. Anurag Gupta (IPS, ADGP, Special branch Jharkhand Police) on "Problems faced by Girls & Women and legal / social support available to them" saw a lively participation.

Mr Chandan Singh, Programs Head, Pratigya and Mr. Ajit Kumar Pandey, Director, Amity University interacted with the participants on "Issues with Personal Liberty of women in the surrounding".

➤ **March 28, 2017 – Marwari College (Women Section), Ranchi**

The seminar was inaugurated by Principal of college, Prof E A Aind. The speakers included Prof B. K. Sinha, HOD, Department of Political Science, St. Xavier's College, Ranchi;

A panel discussion presided over by Mr. Vikas Chandra Srivastava (DSP, Sadar, Ranchi), saw other speakers like Mr. Baidyanath (Social Activist) and Dr. Sunita Kumari Gupta (Professor, Marwari College) address a myriad issues relating to women and their rights. Issues such as trafficking of women, redressal mechanisms, martial arts for self defence, etc featured during the discussion.



Interactive session with students at Marwari College, Ranchi.

➤ **March 29, 2017 – Nirmala College, Ranchi**

Mr. B.B. Pradhan, DGP, Jharkhand Home Guards, formally inaugurated the programme by lighting of lamp. Sister Dr. Jyoti Kispotta (Principal, Nirmala College) welcomed the participants along with the guests and officially commenced the seminar with a message to move forward with high spirit.



Mr. B.B. Pradhan, DGP, Jharkhand Home Guards, interacts with the participants during the seminar.



Mr. Pradhan, who addressed the students on the topic "Patriarchy, Gandhi and Women Empowerment", shared the views of Gandhiji on patriarchal society and how it can be changed. He focused on the Gandhian philosophy stating that Gandhi, in the 19th century himself understood that if women would not come forward, their development would be next to impossible. Reiterating the same sentiment, Ms. Jaya Raj Lakshmi (Assistant Professor, Nirmala College) focussed on the historical and political perspective. Her key focus was how social evils like widow remarriage, dowry and other practices were prevailing and how Gandhiji had also a role in eradicating these evils.

The panel discussion on "Problems faced by Girls & Women and legal / social support available to them" was addressed by speakers that included Ms. Rashmi Kumari (Advocate, Jharkhand High Court), Mr. Vikas Chandra Srivastava (DSP, Sadar) and Dr. Rashmimala Sahu (HOD, Department of Political Science, Nirmala College). Interactive sessions with the participants during the panel discussion brought out new ideas and suggestions from the participating student and youth.

Panel Discussion on Revisiting Gandhi and Poster and Slogan Competition

GandhiStudyCircle, Daulat Ram College on the eve of Martyr's day, in collaboration with Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti organised a panel discussion on 'Revisiting Gandhi' on January 30, 2017. The panel discussion was an endeavour to deliberate on the many ways in which Gandhi has been seen.

Was Gandhi responsible for the partition of the country? What more could he have done

for the unity and integrity of women? How did Gandhi take up women's question? Is Gandhi's economic model viable today? How relevant is Gandhi's concept of trusteeship in the present times? These and many other questions were discussed and deliberated upon.

The chief guest of the programme was Shri B.P. Singh (former governor, Sikkim). The discussion was chaired by Prof Subrata Mukherjee, Dept of Political Science, University of Delhi. The panelists were Prof, Bidyut Chakravarty (Department of Political Science, University of Delhi), Dr. Amitabh Rajan (Director of State Trading, Corporation, Government of India), Mr. Sidharth Mishra(President of a think-tank, Centre for Reforms, Development and Justice), Dr. Rahul Govind (Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Delhi). Dr Savita Roy(Principal, Daulat RamCollege) felicitated the guests.



Former Governor of Sikkim, Shri B P Singh speaking at Daulat Ram College during the panel discussion.

The discussion focussed on political, historical, economic and social perspectives of Gandhi. Prof Bidyut Chakravarty spoke from the political perspective. He elaborated on the concepts of trusteeship and linked it to the corporate social responsibility of the present times.

Dr Amitabh Rajan spoke from the economic perspective. He emphasised on the relation between means and ends, dignity of labour, his emphasis on Swadeshi, use of Charkha and importance of small scale industries.

Mr. Sidharth Mishra spoke from the social perspective of Gandhi. He elaborated on Gandhi's emphasis on untouchability and important role played by women in his movements.

Dr. Rahul Gandhi spoke from the historical perspective. He talked about the communal violence witnessed in the different parts of country, how Gandhi was against the partition of the country.

The discussion concluded with a vote of thanks given by Dr. Shachi Chawla , Convenor of Gandhi Study Circle , Daulat Ram college .



Programmes in the North East

MANIPUR-IMPHAL

Two-day Workshop on Youth in Peace Building

The Samiti in association with Huyen Lallong Manipur Thang-Ta Cultural Association, Irilbung, Imphal East- Manipur organised a two-day workshop on *Youth and Peace Building* in Manipur on June 25-26, 2016. The programme was organised at the Sofiya English School, Thoubal Wangmataba, Thoubal District. The inaugural session was attended by Shri L. Upendro Sharma, Director,



Dr. O. Sareeta Devi speaks at the programme (above), as a participant creates her impression about a peaceful world.

Jawaharlal Nehru Manipur Dance Academy, Imphal, Shri K. Sanathoiba Sharma, Sangit Natak Akademi Awardee, Director Huyen Lallong Manipur Thang-Ta Cultural Association, Shri S. Thanil Singh Padmashri & Shri Jugeshor Singh Principal, Sofiya English School, Thoubal on the Dais as Chief Guest, President and Guests of Honour respectively. 120 participants took part in the workshop. The staff and members from the community also took part in the programme.

The different sessions that were organised on the occasion included:

- *Be a Peace Builder* by Shri Gulshan Gupta
- *Establishing Peace* by Shri W. Ibohal Singh, District Youth Co-ordinator, NYK Chandel
- *Building Peace an Art* by K. Sanathoiba of Huyen Lallong Manipur Thang-Ta Cultural Association
- *Building Peace in Voluntary Work* by Dr. O. Sareeta Devi, Secretary of KGID Manipur
- Recap Session by Youth Volunteer and Group Activity – Shri Gulshan Gupta

Day II began with the session recapitulation of the sessions on Day I wherein Groups were divided and each group performed skits/plays. The skit/plays performed on the occasion included: *World Peace Ambassador* (Group A); *Internal Peace* (Group B); *How to manage External Conflict* (Group C) and *Peace Environment* (Group D).

Further sessions were conducted such as:

- *Peace Building and Youth: Cultural Perspective* by Shri Warepam Naba, Director, Theatre Mirror
- *Building in the Society "Important of Effective Communication"* by Dr. M. Sadananda Singh, Lecturer, N.B. College and
- *The Role of Meira Paibi in Manipur* by Smt. Ph. Shakhi
- *Building Team for Building Peace through Games and sports* by the entire team.

ASSAM

Seminar on the "Role of Cultural Activities in Bringing Peace to the States and Development of North East"

The Samiti in association with Sanskar Bharti Poorvottar organised a two-day seminar on "The Role of Cultural Activities in Bringing Peace to the States and Development of Northeast" in Guwahati at Panchajayana Bhawan, Ulubari on January 28-29, 2017. Shri Amir Chand, All India Joint Organising Secretary of Sanskar Bharati, Poorvottar and Shri Bimal Lath, a well-known dramatist; including social thinker attended the programme. The role of cultural activities in bringing peace to the states and development of the North East was discussed during the two-day seminar. Discussions on Art and Culture and Gandhiji's point of view with special reference to the artists of the North East were also discussed. 52 renowned artists and Kalagurus took part in the discussion.

The following points emerged out of the two-day seminar:

1. One social hero to be selected from each state of the North East. These names are to be selected in symposium at Guwahati University on February 21, 2017.
2. On that selected life, a drama to be written.
3. By March 17, residential drama workshops in at least one state capital be organised.
4. By December 17 to February 2018, the production of the Drama has to be finalised for stage shows/performances in schools, so that the next generation can be aware of the real hero's, who ceaselessly worked towards bringing positive changes in the society.

SILCHAR – ASSAM

Seminar on Leprosy on the occasion of World Leprosy Day

On the occasion of the World Leprosy Day, the Department of Dermatology of Silchar, Silchar Medical College in collaboration with Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti organised an orientation programme on prevention of spread of leprosy and related social stigma.

Principal of SMCH Shilpi Rani Barman accompanied by the district nodal officer for

National Leprosy Eradication Programme Cachar, Dr. Ibrahim Ali Laskar, the head of the department of Dermatology, SMCH Dr. Bhaskar Gupta along with the other doctors, members of the NGOs and a large number of leprosy workers, non-medical assistants (NMA), Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) workers from across the district and representatives of various departments of SMCH participated at the seminar. The event started by offering tributes to Mahatma Gandhi on the occasion of the 69th death anniversary of his Martyrdom. President of Saksham NGO, Dr. D J Nath, representative of Surabhi NGO Subhrangshu Bhattacharjee and others participated in the seminar. Members from the Rotary Club also took part in the seminar.



Distinguished speakers at the seminar in Silchar, Assam.

Delivering the opening address, Dr. Bhaskar Gupta said, "World Leprosy Day is observed internationally on January 30 to increase the awareness of the leprosy. This day was chosen by the United Nations in commemoration of the death anniversary of Gandhiji's Martyrdom.

Shilpi Rani Barman announced that the leprosy investigation in SMCH will be free henceforth and the patients will also get entire treatment and the medicine for free as well.

CHAPORI - ASSAM

Workshop on Mutual Coexistence for the Children of Chapori

The Workshop on Mutual Coexistence for Children of Chapori was organised in association with Surovi Environment Trust on February 5-6, 2017 at Chapori. Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer, GSDS, Mr. Raman Kumar, Technical Assistant, GSDS, Shri Gulshan Gupta, N.E. Coordinator, GSDS and Rihan Ali from Surovi Environment Trust attended the programme. Mr.

Zakir Hussain Sarkar, Principal of the institute namely Dhalpur Kirakara H.S. School, Mr. Asmot Ali Ahmed, President of the School Development and Management Committee and local Bazanapathar GP, a team of local community volunteers led by Mr. Joynal Abdin along with the participating students took part in the workshop.



Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan shares a word with Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer GSDS during the workshop at Chapori.



About 100 participants who took part in the workshop actively interacted with the resource persons. Group exercises formed an integral part of the workshop.

Addressing the students at the workshop, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan said that if anybody thinks that Mahatma Gandhi was doing big efforts to make things happen or to fulfill his way of thinking then it is wrong, because, Gandhiji always believed in grassroots level implementation of his initiatives. "When he talked about change he said be the change you want to see. Not only that he himself acted first on his words prior to suggest the other person to do something".

One of the most interesting parts of the workshop on day one was a live video chatting by a group of eight students with the children members of "Gokak Shishu Panchayat". This was coordinated by Mr. A R Patil, Executive Trustee of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore Foundation from Gokak, Karnataka.

The different sessions during the two-day workshop that took place included:

1. Gandhian approach of Volunteerism towards Change
2. Mutual Existence
3. Education, Work and Wealth
4. Being Digital
5. Living with Peace and Nonviolence
6. Human and Nature
7. Comics as a tool to bring change

KASURBA ASHRAM, SARANIA, GUWAHATI

Orientation programme on Capacity Building and Youth

A two day *Capacity building and Youth Empowerment Programme* was held on 4th and 5th February, 2017 (Saturday and Sunday) at Kasurba Ashram, Sarania, Guwahati . The programme was organised by Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust, Assam State Branch in collaboration with Gandhi Smriti Darshan Samiti, New Delhi.



A pratinidhi of the Sarania Ashram welcomes veteran Gandhian Padmashri Shri Natwar Thakkar on the occasion.

Volunteers of North East Girls Peace Volunteer Corps extended support in mobilising participants from various colleges / Universities for the programme. The programme was inaugurated by Padmashree Natwar Thakkar, noted Gandhian and Chairman of Nagaland Peace Foundation.

A host of dignitaries including Sri Dipankar Shri Gyan, Director , Gandhi Smriti Darshan Smriti, New Delhi, Sri Laxmi Dass, Chairman, Harijan Sevak Sangh, Sri Basantji, Adviser , Gandhi Smriti Darshan Samiti, Dr Vibha Gupta, Charman, Magan Sanghralaya, spoke at the Inaugural Programme.

The inaugural programme was held on 4th February, 2017 by Anjumani Senapati and Rajumoni Saikia. Smt Damayanti Devi. Pratinidhi, KGNMT and Smt Gayatree Krishnatrayee from North east Girls Peace Volunteer Corps were present on the occasion.

The objective of the programme was explained by Prof Nabajit Dutta, Associate Professor, Department of Physics, Handique Girls' College. In his speech, Mr Dutta emphasised upon the importance of empowering the youth force of the country to achieve the dream of India becoming a Superpower in the near future.

The following agenda was incorporated in the programme :

- Establishing Intergenerational Discourse: Charkha ,its role for sustainable Village development
- Servant Leadership
- Training for Mission for Drugs and AIDS Free NE India
- Strengthening Co-operative Movement in NE India



Participants at the orientation programme in Sarania Ashram.

Ms. Chetana Sarma presented a brief report about the various sessions covered during the two-day programme at the valedictory session. Smt Damayanti Devi and Smt Kusum Mokashi presented the certificates of participation to the participants. The Vote of thanks was delivered by Miss Ankita Hazarika.

ARUNACHAL PRADESH

Workshop on Attracting & Retaining Youth in Agriculture

The Samiti in association with *National Youth Project (NYP)*, Arunachal Pradesh organised a day-long workshop on "Attracting & Retaining

Youth in Agriculture" at Vivekananda Hall, Itanagar on February 1, 2017. 56 participants from youth groups, progressive farmers, SHGs members and public attended the workshop. Shri TangaByaling, MLA and former Minister accompanied by Dr. Tangor Tapak, former Minister were the chief guests on the occasion. The other guests included: Shri Laxmi Dass, Executive Committee Member of GSDS and Vice-President Harijan Sevak Sangh; Shri Basant Singh from Karigar Panchayat, Dr. Vibha Gupta, President, Magan Sangrahalaya, Wardha, Maharashtra, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Director GSDS, Shri Gulshan Gupta, N.E. Coordinator, GSDS and Shri Raman Kumar, Technical Associate GSDS. The programme was coordinated by Shri H P Biswas, President NYP.



Resource persons with participants at the workshop in Arunachal Pradesh.

Director GSDS in his address appreciated the skill of the rural industries and assured that the GSDS will procure such traditional products as samples to exhibit in its New Delhi Srijan emporium at Gandhi Smriti.

Shri TangaByaling in his address said: Arunachal which even after Independent India survived on barter trade with neighbouring nations. "The present 29 major and over 100 minor tribes who have migrated from various parts of the world live in the lap of nature in communal harmony, symbolising mini India", he added. Lauding the monumental works of Gandhiji and Swami Vivekananda for humanity, he advocated the vital role of youth for the nation whose energy should be channelized in the right direction.

The speakers also lauded the role of the farmers and appreciated the people of the North East for preserving their age-old traditional knowledge and called for concerted efforts to popularise them to end the sufferings of the farmers across India by making the best use of Central Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Krishi Shikshi Yojana.

Shri Biswas in his address cited the example of converting 22 opium farmers of Anjay to horticulturist by cultivating large cardamom to earn Rs 1.76 crore in a year to become a national model.

A field visit was also conducted by the team GSDS and interaction with artisans was also held as part of the programme.

MEGHALAYA

Workshop at Garudachal Vidyapeeth

Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti organized a two day workshop on Mutual Co-existence between Nature-Human and Wildlife on 7 & 8 February, 2017 for school children of Garudachal Vidyapeeth of Belbari, South West Garo Hills, Meghalaya. About 100 students took part in the workshop.



Mr. Gulshan Gupta conducts the training programme at Garudachal Vidyapeeth in Belbari, Meghalaya.

The workshop was inaugurated by the Principal of the School Shri Manjit Koch. In his key note address he emphasized the necessity and need of the nature protection. He showed his humble thanks to Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti for choosing their school for organizing this kind of workshop.

The other speakers who spoke at the workshop included Mr. Deshpande, a social activist and Mr. Parameshwar Koch. Both the speakers stressed on the concept of social development.



The children also took part in sanitation campaign as part of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan. This was led by Shri Vaidyanath Hajong.

A young participant during the workshop shares her views.

Group Activities:

A visit to an Ashram nearby the School at Borkona was organized in which the students took part in various activities.

- *Benefits of the cow and service to the mother cow.*
- *Gaushala Swachhata. (Cleanliness of cow ranch)*
- *Yagya Kund Swachhata.*
- *Cleanliness of courtyard with ceramic or cow pat.*
- *Temple cleanliness (Mandir Swachhata).*
- *Ashram Swachhata.*
- *Life of the Saints of India. (Orientation lecture by the Mahatma of the Ashram).*

TRIPURA

Workshop on Women Empowerment in Contemporary Society in the context of Tripura

More than 200 women from different villages around Agartala in Tripura came together to discuss different dimensions of women empowerment in contemporary society. The women had gathered to partake in a workshop on "Women Empowerment in Contemporary Society" at Dr. Hedgewar Smarak Samiti (DHSS), Champamura, Old Agartala, West Tripura on March 8, 2017 on the occasion of the International Women's Day. Organised by the GSDS in association with HSS, the women were from the villages under North Champamura Gram Panchayat; Mekhlipara Gram Panchayat, Tulakona Gram Panchayat, West Champamura Gram Panchayat and Khayerpur Gram Panchayat.

The workshop was inaugurated by Shri Nriprendra Chandra Roy, Smt. Chandrika Basu Majumder, Smt. Krishna Bhattacharya and Mr. Debasish Chakraborty.



Distinguished participants at the inauguration of the workshop.

In her address, Smt. Chandrika Basu Majumder lamented that due to lack of awareness among women regarding schemes for women, gender budget and policies for women, they lack behind many things and sometimes feel distressed despite their great contribution in social activities and growth in education. She also reflected upon the use of violence against the women in the society.

Shri Nriprendra Chandra Roy while showing women in the light of her strength and glory and source of inspiration to her family and society, urged the need for initiating different women empowerment programmes and the need to what he called, "Vigorously introduce women to skill development programmes".

Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer GSDS, delivered a telephonic speech through IMO from New Delhi and highlighted about the activities of the Samiti. While speaking about the views of Mahatma Gandhi on women empowerment, he urged the participants to join the skill development programme for women at Dr. Hedgewar Smarak Samiti.

The other speakers at the programme included Smt. Ajita Tripura, social activist; Mr. Bikash Roy, Assistant Secretary of DHSS. Later in the day, Sri Debajyoti Sarkar, Head Operations, Pinnacle Skills discussed the terms and conditions of the Skill Development Programme and forms were distributed to the participants.

Earlier, Smt. Basana Chakraborty, former first women MLA of Tripura was felicitated by a special award for her contribution to the development of women in Tripura.

Discussions on legal rights, skill development programmes and other issues concerning the empowerment of women featured during the day-long workshop.





Mahatma Gandhi Interpretation Centre, Sewapuri, Varanasi

The Samiti initiated the Mahatma Gandhi Interpretation Centre in the Kasturba Gandhi Mahila Vidyapeeth Intermediate College, Sewapuri, Varanasi in September 2015. As part of the Interpretation Centre, the Samiti has set up an exhibition on the life and message of Mahatma Gandhi. Besides, an exhaustive collection of Gandhiana has been put together in the Centre. Not only the students of the Centre, but students from nearby school and others from the immediate community will be able to develop their understanding about the Father of the Nation through the Interpretation Centre.

During the year, the following programmes were organized:

Earth Day celebrated

About 65 children took part in the Slogan Writing Competition organized by the Kasturba Mahila Vidyapeeth, Sewapuri, Varanasi on the occasion of the Earth Day on April 22, 2016. The competition was organized both for the junior and senior category.



Children at the Earth Day celebrations in Kasturba Mahila Vidyapeeth, Sewapuri, Varanasi

Gandhi Summer School

The Samiti organised a 16-day Gandhi Summer School at Kasturba Mahila Vidyapeeth Intermediate College, Sewapuri, Varanasi from May 20-June 4, 2016 at the premises of the school. 25 children took part in the activities that included a theatre on Gandhiji's principles, highlighting the importance of sanitation and *beti bachao, beti padhao*.



Training programme as part of the Gandhi Summer School in progress.

This year, a special training programme was conducted for the participating children at the All India Radio under the mentorship of Shri Rajesh Gautam, Station Director AIR< Varanasi. A radio docu drama was produced on *Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan*.

Essay competition on volunteerism and service towards society

An essay competition for students of Kasturba Gandhi Mahila Vidyapeeth Intermediate College, Sewapuri, Varanasi was organized on July 23, 2016. The theme was volunteerism and how children could contribute their services for the betterment of the society.

About 50 students took part in the competition. Students wrote on wide ranging issues for which they can contribute their volunteer services. These included education, environment and health. The children wrote on how through some training and orientation, many of them can work in a group to take up social concerns.



Participants after the programme stand in attention for the National Anthem.

Sanitation drive as part of the Swachhatta Pakhwara

Over 800 students took part at the Sanitation Drive as part of the Swachhatta Pakhwara in the Kasturba Mahila Vidyapeeth Intermediate College, Sewapuri Varanasi with zeal and enthusiasm. Not only they cleaned their



Children cleaning up the Vidyapeeth as part of the swachhatta campaign.

Vidyapeeth, they also took part in community cleaning programmes, plantation of trees, slogan and poster making activities on the necessity and importance of cleanliness.

Craft Training Camp organised

GSDS in collaboration with Kasturba Mahila Vidyapeeth Intermediate College, Varanasi organised a craft training camp for girl students at Mahatma Gandhi Interpretation Centre on February 28, 2017. Students were trained to make envelopes, file cards during this training programme. Almost 300 students took part in the programme from both the junior and the senior classes.

Promoting Gandhian Values through constructive work

Over 1000 children participated in the competition for "Promoting Gandhian Values through constructive work" on December 5-6, 2016 with great enthusiasm.

Mahatma Gandhi remembered

Rich tributes were paid to the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi on Gandhi Jayanti 2016 on October 2, where the entire school joined in the celebrations by cleaning the entire campus of the school. Bhajans as a tribute to the Mahatma marked the occasion.



Principal of the Vidyapeeth Smt. Anita ji leads the children in paying rich tributes to Mahatma Gandhi. This was followed by a cleanliness drive.



Srijan Activities

The Samiti launched the Srijan Khadi Sale Counter in Gandhi Smriti on January 19, 2017. Smt. Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee, Vice Chairperson GSDS inaugurated the centre. Shri Basant ji, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Smt. Sangeeta Verma and a host of other distinguished people from different walks of life were present at the launch ceremony.

Workshop on Soft Sculptures for Srijan – Gandhi Smriti Entrepreneurial Centre

Ms. Anne Vallerie Dupond a sculptor from France on the invitation of the GSDS came to India to train the GSDS staff and students from Srijan and other participants drawn from the



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1. Smt. Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee (C) with Shri Basant ji (R) and Smt. Sangeeta Verma (L) at the inauguration of Srijan.



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2. Smt. Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee with Director GSDS and other distinguished guests.



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3. Smt. Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee viewing the products of the Srijan Khadi centre.

Smt. Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee further visited the Srijan outlet that showcases a wide range of Khadi and handmade products produced by GSDS at the production unit of the Srijan Entrepreneurial Centre in Gandhi Darshan.



Ms. Anne Vallerie Dupond from France conducting the workshop for the Srijan staff in GSDS.



marginalized sections of the society in the art of making soft sculptures with recovered fabrics, needle and thread. Says Anne, "I try to create a world crafted from sensitivity, ranging from the bestial (hunting trophies and animals of all kinds) to human representations such as busts of historic figures, pin-ups, and baroque sculpture. Whatever the representation, I like to approach the female/male duality with humour, playfully caricaturizing the stereotypes." The workshop was facilitated by eminent Gandhian thinker, Shri Anupam Mishra. Almost 30 participants took part in the workshop.

The valedictory function was organized on April 13, 2016 at Gandhi Smriti, which was attended by Shri Anupam Mishra, Shri Laxmi Dass and others.

During the programme, Anne Vallerie gifted a sculpture of Mahatma Gandhi in rags to Gandhi Smriti and in turn took home (to France), Ba (Kasturba Gandhi) made during the workshop by one of the trainees, Ms. Madhu.



Director GSDS Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan at the Burari slum where a street play is in progress (below).



1. DOLL MAKERS: Smt. Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee showing her creation (doll) to Ms. Anne Vallerie Dupond.

2. SHARING IDEAS: Shri Anupam Mishra (L) Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan (C), Shri Laxmi Dass (3rd from L) and Ms. Anne Vallerie Dupond (R) at the valedictory function.

Madhumita Roy Khan from *Indu Arts Theatre and Film Society*. About 100 people from the area took part in the programme that was organised to generate awareness on the basics of health and sanitation and its importance for healthy living.

Sharing her experiences about the workshop, Anne says, "The experience in India is humane. When I go back, (her eyes are moist now), I will like to work on Indian portraits and work with a lot of color. I would like to work on Indian movements and history. I know my work will be different".

Later Director GSDS also interacted with the women of the locality who briefed him about the problems of their area and how they could involve their children in creative pursuits for their holistic development.

Street Play on Sanitation at Burari

15-day training programme on Charkha Spinning and Repairing conducted

Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan took part in the street play on "Importance of Sanitation" organised by the Samiti in association with *Burari Sishu Panchayat* in the slums Burari on May 29, 2016. The children who performed the street play were part of the Gandhi Summer School organised by the GSDS from May 18-27 onwards and had been trained in theatre by Ms.

The Samiti, in association with Dishan Gramin Vikas Manch, Bhagalpur, Bihar, conducted



A view of the inauguration of the charkha training programme.

a 15-day training programme on *Charkha Spinning and Repairing* from May 24-June 8, 2016. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Sangeeta Malik, former Director, National Gandhi Museum, New Delhi and Dr. Manoj, former Vice-Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya, Wardah.

Health Camp organised at Bela Slum at Rajghat

Around 350 participants comprising of men, women and children took part in the *Health Camp* organised at the *Bela Gaon* on June 26, 2016. The programme was part of the expansion programme of *Srijan*, the *GSDS Skill Development Centre*. The camp was coordinated



by Mr. Vivek Kumar along with Mr. Sameer and Mr. Piyush. Dr. Manju Aggarwal coordinated with the team of doctors to attend the camp. Dr. Raja conducted a free health check up for the participants. Free medicines were distributed to the participants during the programme. Awareness on *Naturopathy*, *Sanitation*, and *Basic Hygiene* formed part of the programme. The Programme at the Bela slum was coordinated by Shri Vinod and Shri Joginder, Security Guards with the GSDS. An exhibition of posters and paintings on 'save water' and 'health issues' was also displayed on the occasion.

The students who were part of the Gandhi Summer School performed a skit and play on the importance of education and sanitation.

Health Camp at the Slums near Delhi Secretariat

As part of the expansion programmes of *Srijan*, the GSDS Educational and Entrepreneurial Centre, the Samiti organised a health camp at the slums near Delhi Secretariat which was attended by over 150 participants. Dr. Manju

Shri Vivek Kumar of GSDS shares his views on various health and sanitation issues at the health camp at the slum near Delhi Secretariat, as the participants keenly listen (below).



Aggarwal, coordinator of *Srijan* programme in Tihar Jail, conducted the health camp through *praktik chikitsa* (naturopathy). Shri Vivek Kumar coordinated the camp on behalf of the GSDS. Dr. Manju reiterated the fact that there are enough local and natural resources that can be used to help treat ailments like fever, etc.

Dr. Raja, who was present on the occasion, spoke to the local participants on how they could take care of their health from time-to-time and that they must avoid habits like drinking, alcohol, etc. He stressed the need to develop the habit and willingness to stop any form of addictions.

Awareness campaigns on how to keep the community clean and preventive measures to combat diseases were told to the participants by Shri Vivek Kumar. He further stressed that through basic awareness, one could prevent many health related problems.

He further informed the participants about the activities of *Srijan* such as stitching and embroidery, music, mime, pottery and asked them that they could avail this opportunity free of cost in Gandhi Darshan.

Skill development & creating livelihood opportunities for women of Mirzapur, Ghaziabad launched

Project - Skill development & creating livelihood opportunities for women of Mirzapur, Ghaziabad was started with the objective of creating skilled, confident and financially

independent women and girls of this (minority) community, who otherwise lives in a male dominated society, where they are not allowed to speak up in family and community matters. The project was launched by the GSDS in association with Hunar Foundation October, 2016 to July, 2017.



EMPOWERING GIRLS: *Girls of the area in Mirzapur, Ghaziabad receiving the training in livelihood opportunities from Hunar Foundation as part of the programme of GSDS.*

The project was successfully completed with all the five training modules. Below is the short detail of the women trained and connected to livelihood opportunities.

Training was provided under 5 training modules as per project to 61 women (including dropouts), of which 25 women are now connected to livelihood opportunities. The trainees were assessed on the following parameters –

1. Quality of product manufactured
2. Time management
3. Creativity

During the training programme, various challenges were faced from the community and pressure from within the family created hurdles for the girls. But slowly they came out of their homes to receive the training.

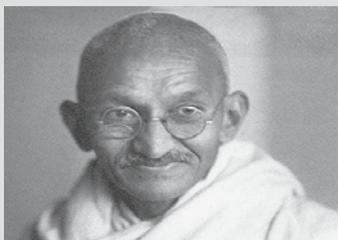
Women have now started earning through their new skill sets acquired and they have also started training other girls of the area.

Period: 08-10-2016 to 04-08-2017

No. of Women	Stitching	Recycled Paper Products	Bamboo Pen Holder, Handmade Paper Diary	Stone Art	Candles
Trained	26	22	9	5	9
Qualified Test	11	10	6	4	5
Connected to Livelihood	8	4	4	3	5

Results Achieved

- **Trained Artisans** - Out of around 50 women trained, 16 artisans got qualified with excellent performance and are connected to livelihood opportunities. Once work start coming to the trained artisans on regular basis; that would become a motivational factor for others to put sincere efforts to earn their livelihood.
- **Community Acceptance** – We are getting a wider community acceptance and people have started trusting us. The number of absenteeism and drop outs from the training has reduced. The girls who were accompanied by their guardians even to the Hunar center, that is located at the center of the community, are now allowed to visit far-away places with Hunar team for exposure visits, in exhibitions or even as trainers to various schools and colleges.
- **Confidence Building** – Women of Mirzapur community got this kind of opportunity first time in their lives under the aegis of GSDS. We are encouraging them to participate in plays, drama, sharing their experience with large audience, public speaking etc. which we are organizing in our office. Some are enjoying these activities, but some still do not get permission from their family to participate in such events.



Miscellaneous Programmes

Swachh Bharat Week



Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Director GSDS (above), leads the entire GSDS staff in the swachhata campaign.

Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan led the entire staff of the GSDS in cleaning the entire campus of Gandhi Darshan on May 28, 2016 in which the staff actively and enthusiastically participated.

2nd International Day of Yoga celebrated

Over 1075 participants including police personnel from the Road Safety Traffic Division; youth from the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), Delhi Zone; volunteers from different sectors, senior Gandhians from different sister organisations and staff of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti and their family members took part in the celebrations to mark the 2nd

International Day of Yoga in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.

The programme began as per the *Common Yoga Protocol* at 7.00 PM with invocation by the staff of GSDS. Shri Roshan Kumar and Shri Deepak *yogacharyas* along with other *yogacharyas* from the Morarji Desai Institution of Yoga led the *Yogasanas* on the occasion.



Calling Mahatma Gandhi as a *Karma Yogi*, Director GSDS, while addressing the gathering on the occasion, said that Yoga is a 5000 year old Indian body of knowledge. Besides imparting physical and mental discipline, Yoga nourishes the self towards the way of life – from providing *gyan, bhakti*, to *Karma Yoga*.



DCP Traffic (Road) Ms. Aslam Khan addresses the participants on the occasion of the 2nd International Day of Yoga, as Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan joins the programme.

“ K a r m a yoga, the practice of Mahatma Gandhi”, Shri Dipanker said, “Is the yoga of action. Practicing karma yoga means accepting that every action has consequences which ripple out, as a pebble thrown into a lake. Gandhi’s actions were the result of a transformation of his consciousness which occurred gradually over many years”.

Glimpses from the 2nd International Yoga Day in progress in Gandhi Darshan.

Others who spoke on the occasion included: Deputy Commissioner of Police, Traffic, (Road Safety) Madam Aslam Khan; Dr. Ganesh Rakh, Medicare Foundation Pune; Dr. Narendra Singh, Brand Ambassador, Swasth Bharat Abhiyaan; Assistant Commissioner of Police, Traffic (Road Safety), Shri Rishi; Shri D P Singh; Shri Soni. Shri Asutosh Singh, Chairman, Swasth Bharat Trust was also present on the occasion. Ms. Seema, ACP Traffic; Ms. Anita Kaushik, from NYKS along with the volunteers who assisted in the success of the programme were felicitated by the GSDS.

161st Birth Anniversary of Bal Gangadhar Tilak celebrated



The Samiti in association with *Nation First* celebrated the 161st birth anniversary of the national freedom fighter Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat on July 31, 2016. The programme began by paying rich tributes to Lokmanya Tilak and by rendering of patriotic songs.

Present on the occasion were: Shri Ram Nagina Singh, who presided over the programme; Shri Sanjay Paswan, former MOS HRD, Govt of India; Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh, Shri Rajnish Kumar, Secretary, Harijan Sevak Sangh, Shri Satish Shehrawat, Shri Dhyan Pal Singh, Shri Raj Kumar Poddar, Shri Ram Vilas Misra, Smt. Gitanjali Adhey, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Director, GSDS and Shri Sishir Kumar Mandalya from Nation First.

Calling Lokmanya Tilak a visionary leader, the speakers said that Bal Gangadhar Tilak was a social reformer and freedom fighter. He was one of the prime architects of modern India and strongest advocates of Swaraj (Self Rule). He was universally recognized as the “Father of Indian Movement”. Tilak was a brilliant politician as well as a profound scholar who believed that independence is the foremost necessity for the well being of a nation.

The speakers also spoke about the power of communication of Tilak. The speakers said that towards his goal, Bal Gangadhar Tilak launched two newspapers called ‘Mahratta’ (English) and ‘Kesari’ (Marathi). Both the newspaper stressed on making the Indians aware of the glorious past and empowered them to be self reliant. In other words, the newspaper actively propagated the cause of national freedom.

70th Independence Day celebrated



Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan hoisted the Tri-Colour in Gandhi Darshan on August 15, 2016 as part of the 70th Independence Day. The staff and family members of the GSDS joined in the celebrations. Shri Gyan called upon the staff recalled the contributions of Mahatma



JOYOUS CELEBRATIONS: Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan along with Mrs. Sangeeta Verma unfurls the Tricolour at Gandhi Darshan, as the GSDS staff and their children join the celebrations.

Gandhi and said that the ideals and contribution of leaders of the freedom movement must be disseminated to the younger generation. Songs and cultural programme marked the occasion.

Tribute to all known-unknown freedom fighters of Ang Pradesh on the occasion of death anniversary of well known fighter Shri Shubhakaran Churiwal

About 200 participants from different communities, freedom fighters, girls and boys from the Madrasas, NSS, NCC, Bharat Scouts and Guides took part in the programme on the occasion of the Death Anniversary of Freedom Fighter and Social Worker Shri Shubhakaran Churiwal with was organised in association with Vishnu Prabhakar Pratishthan at Ang Pradesh.



Tributes to the known-unknown freedom fighters of Ang Pradesh and awareness rally marked the programme.



A peace march was organised from Ghantaghar Chowk to Tilks Manjhi Chowk. The march was flagged off by the DIG of Bhagalpur and Munger, Mr. Varun Kumar. The programme was organised on August 21, 2016.



Participants at the programme in Ang Pradesh.

Later a panel discussion was presided over by Dr. Rama Shankar Dubey, Vice Chancellor of Tilka Manjhi Bhagalpur University.

Eye donation awareness camp organized

Over 101 patients benefited from eye-donation awareness programme organised at Gandhi Darshan on September 8, 2016. Staff from the IGNOU regional centre at Gandhi Darshan complex and the KVIC also took part in the programme. Doctor Praveen Vashist from AIIMS treated the patients. 12 people also pledged to donate their eyes.

Hindi Pakhwara (fortnight) celebrated

The Hindi Pakhwara was celebrated at both the Gandhi Darshan and Gandhi Smriti campuses from September 14-28, 2016 by organising different competitions to bring out the creative talents of the staff and volunteers of the GSDS. The Pakhwara aimed at promoting the use of Hindi language in daily working like.



Activities during the Hindi Pakhwara in progress in GSDS.

Poetry writing, essay writing, slogan writing, dictation, story writing, and other competitions were organised.

The prize distribution for the *Hindi Pakhwara* organised by the Samiti during September 14-28, 2016 was organised in Gandhi Darshan on October 7, 2016. Shri Basant former advisor to GSDS was the chief guest on the occasion.



Shri Sanjay Kumar receiving his certificate from Shri Basant ji.



Smt. Indu Devi getting her certificate of participation.



Smt. Babita receiving her certificate of participation.



Shri Anuj Kumar is all smiles to receive the certificate.



Shri S A Jamal (R), Shri Basant ji awarding the certificate to Shri Rakesh Sharma.

In (*Shrutlekhan*) dictation category, 18 people took part; in *NIbandh* (essay), 40 people took part; 45 people took part in written competition in different categories; 47 participated in slogan written competitions in different categories; 46 participants took part in different categories in poetry written competitions and 39 people participated in story writing competitions.

Tributes to the Uri Martyrs



Silent Tribute in memory of the army jawans who were martyred in Uri in J&K.



The staff of the GSDS led by the Director, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan organised a prayer service for the army men who were martyred at Uri on September 20, 2016 at the militant attack. A five-minute silence was also observed as a mark of respect.

Sanitation drive as part of the Swachhata Pakhwara

During the month of September, the Samiti initiated a massive cleanliness drive in both the campuses – Gandhi Darshan and Gandhi



Cleaning the office campus as part of the Swachhata Pakhwara in progress.

Smriti. While at Gandhi Darshan, the sanitation drive was conducted in different departments/sections on different dates, the sanitation drive in Gandhi Smriti campus and museum was carried out vigorously in the entire campus. Led by the Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, the staff actively took part in the swachhata drive.

Interaction with Young Gandhians from Gandhi Peace Foundation on Understanding Gandhi

A group of 35 Gandhians from different centres of Gandhi Peace Foundation in different states all across the country visited GSDS on October 14, 2016. Director GSDS welcomed the gathering in Gandhi Darshan and interacted with them. During the interactions, it was felt that the Samiti could work with the different centres of the GPF for organising programmes.



(Above): A visitor watches the model of a bioscope in the Gandhi Darshan exhibition: "My Life is My Message".

Below: Director GSDS Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan (6th from L) with the visiting delegation.



The group visited the exhibition in Gandhi Darshan too before proceeding to Gandhi Smriti where they offered their tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at the site of his martyrdom. They also attended an evening prayer in Gandhi Smriti, where students of *Srijan*, GSDS music team presented some bhajans.

Interactions with visitors from Gandhi Peace Mission, Kerala

An 11-member team visited Gandhi Darshan from *Gandhi Peace Mission*, Kerala towards their mission of understanding Mahatma Gandhi. The team led by Ms. Benzy included women, who had earlier never left their village or even sat in a train.

During the interaction, the members reiterated their efforts to educate their counterparts on the need for providing education to the girl child and women of their village.

Vigilance Week observed

As per the direction of Central Vigilance Commission, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti observed 'Vigilance Awareness Week' from October 31 to November 5, 2016.

Director GSDS administered the pledge to the staff members and hoped that they carry on their work with sincerity. He further reiterated the necessity of maintaining transparency in the offices and alertness in daily working life.

Observance of "Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Pledge (National Unity Day)"

As per the directive from the Ministry of Culture, the Samiti observed the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel as "Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day)" in Gandhi Darshan on October 31, 2016.



A pledge related to the celebration and adherence of National Unity was administered to the GSDS officers and staff by Director Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan. On this occasion, a "Run for Unity" for the staff of GSDS was also organised. Shri Narendra Kumar won the race.

Awareness programme on pollution in Delhi

Volunteers of different colleges under the banner of Delhi Samaritans trained by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti took up an awareness programme on pollution in Delhi during Rahgiri on November 13, 2016. The aim was to create awareness on the concerns of pollution in Delhi.

Condolence meeting of senior Gandhian, Shri Arya Bushan Bharadwaj

A condolence meeting was organized for senior Gandhian Shri Arya Bushan Bharadwaj. More than 60 Gandhians took part in this meeting who recollected the contribution of Shri Bharadwaj to the Gandhian movement in the country.

Round Table on Interpretations of Nationalism

A round table on different interpretations of nationalism and their connotations was organized by the Samiti on November 25-26,



Participants at the discussion in Gandhi Darshan sharing their view points.

2016 at Gandhi Darshan. The programme was organized in association with Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya. About 40 senior academicians and thinkers from different streams took part in the deliberations.

Tribute to Shri Anupam Mishra

The staff and members of the Samiti paid rich tributes to noted Gandhian and environmentalist and author of numerous books, Shri Anupam Mishra who passed away on December 19, 2016. Recalling the life of Late Shri Anupam Mishra, Rajdeep Pathak, Programme Executive GSDS said that he had a long association with the Samiti, and was recently involved with the research work for developing the exhibition on *Mohan to Mahatma* in association with the National Archives.



Shri Anupam Mishra (1948 - December 19, 2016)

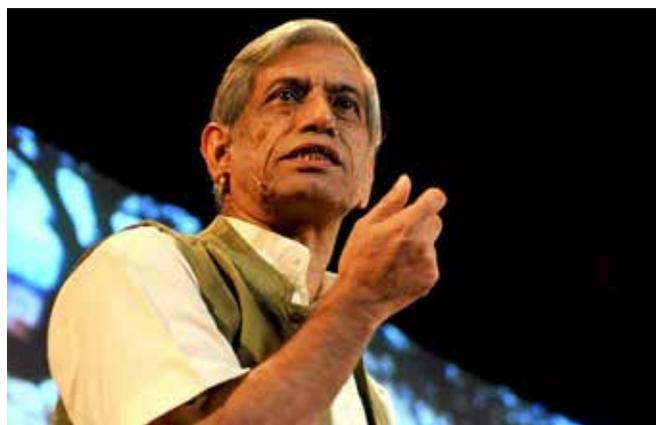
He was also instrumental in initiating a project with French Artist Anne Vallerie Dupond on *Soft Sculptures* as part of the vocational training programme.

He worked on promoting water conservation, water management and traditional rainwater harvesting techniques. He had been awarded the 1996 *Indira Gandhi Paryavaran Puraskar* (IGPP) award instituted by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India. He travelled to villages across several Indian states, especially Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Uttar Pradesh, describing the value of time-tested systems of water harvesting. He advocated conservation of traditional water structures in India as well as abroad. He wrote books like *Aaj Bhi Khare Hain Talaab* (Lakes are still Standing, 1993) and *Rajasthan Ki Rajat Boondein* (Radiant Raindrops of Rajasthan, 1995), landmark works in the field of water conservation. A two-minute silence was also observed as a mark of respect to the departed soul.

Further, almost 300 people including academicians, journalists, scholars, authors and people from different walks of life joined in paying rich tributes to eminent Gandhian and environmentalist, Late Shri Anupam Mishra in Gandhi Peace Foundation on January 7, 2017. During the day-long programme, documentaries on the rich and versatile work of Shri Anupam Mishra relating to environment with special emphasis on water conservation were telecasted.

The programme also saw a flute rendition by Shri Shubham Mishra, Anupam Mishra ji's son. The bhakti sangeet was led by the team from Gandharv Maha Vidyalaya. An exhibition of books and photographs of Anupamji attracted both young and old alike.

Shri Anupam Mishra was part of different committees related to water and environment constituted by the Government of India. He was also instrumental in setting up of the exhibition on *Mohan Se Mahatma* in Gandhi Smriti. The content of the exhibition was developed by Shri Anupam Mishra and the exhibition was developed by the National Archives of India.



Inter-faith Peace Prayer organised

The Samiti in association with Guild of Services and War Widows Association organized an inter-faith peace prayer in Gandhi Smriti on March 8, 2017 to commemorate the International Women's Day and observed the day as "Women's Day for Peace and Justice". Religious leaders from different faiths joined on the occasion to offer prayer on peace and communal harmony. Smt. Gursharan Kaur, wife of former Prime Minister of India, Dr. Manmohan Singh, Chairperson of Guild of Services, Dr. Mohini V Giri along with many other dignitaries such as Dr. A K Merchant, Dr. Syeda Hameed, Dr. Kumud Diwan, Ms. Manjusha Ranjan and other were present on the occasion.

Mr. Rajiv Chandran, Information Officer United Nations Information Centre for India and Bhutan said, "Let us devote solid funding, courageous advocacy and unbending political will to achieving gender equality around the world. There is no greater investment in our common future".

Rendition of Sufi songs by Ms. Deepmala Mohan was another highlight of the programme. Japanese Zen Artist, Hiroshi Miyamoto and Tamiko Miyamoto presented soulful Japanese music of peace through their swarmandalam.



The inter-faith peace prayer in Gandhi Smriti was attended by a host of delegates, including, Smt. Gursharan Kaur, wife of the former Prime Minister of India. Devotional music, and prayers marked the occasion.



Book Fair and Exhibitions

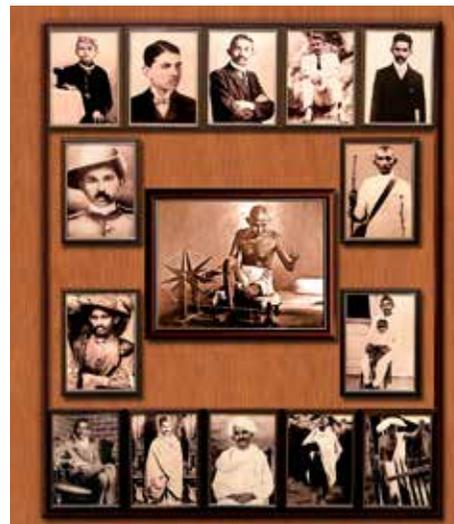
Gramoday Mela at Chitrakoot

The Samiti took part in the Gramoday Mela at Chitrakoot organised by Deen Dayal Research Institute from February 24-27, 2017 at Satna Madhya Pradesh. Shri Raman Kumar, Shri Narendra Singh and Shri Dinesh from GSDS took part in the Mela that was a grand exposition showcasing rising India. The participation added to the richness of the exposition and helped educate visitors from rural India about developmental activities across the country.

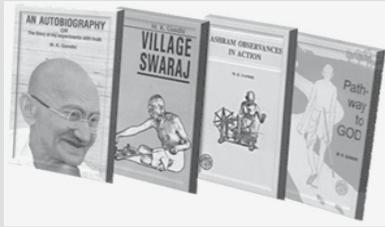


EXHIBITIONS

1. ***Gandhi in Bihar – January 2017 at Kursela Bihar***
2. ***My Life is My Message – January 2017 at Senegal***
3. ***My Life is My Message – January 2017 at Bengaluru during Pravasi Bharatiya Divas***
4. ***My Life is My Message – January 2017 at Muktodhara – Information and Cultural Centre, Government of West Bengal***
5. ***January 2017 – My Life is My Message – Gandhi in Banaras – Varanasi***
6. ***January 2017 – Gandhism in Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar***
7. ***February 2017 – Faces of Peace and Freedom (Exhibitions of drawings by Suraj Sadan) at Gandhi Smriti***
8. ***February 2017 – Champaran Satyagraha at Muzaffarpur Collectorate Campus***



(Above): Visitors viewing the exhibition of Shri Suraj Sadan in Gandhi Smriti, as Shri Sadan shares a word with Smt. Gursharan Kaur (wife of former Prime Minister of India, Dr. Manmohan Singh) (below).

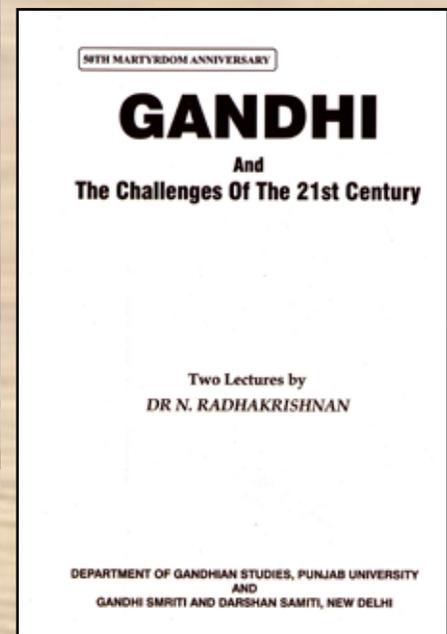
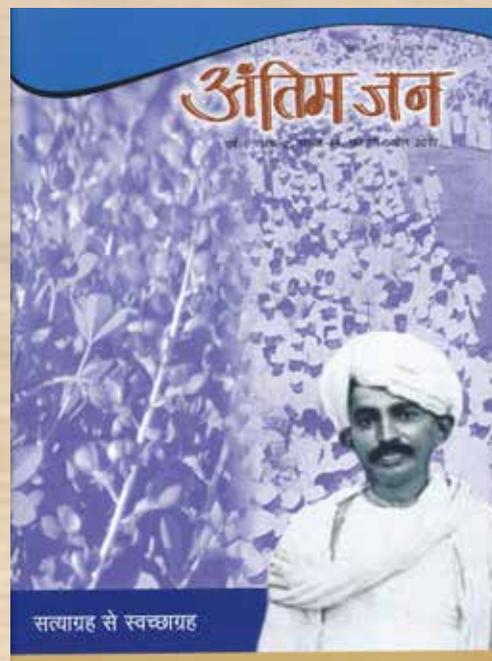
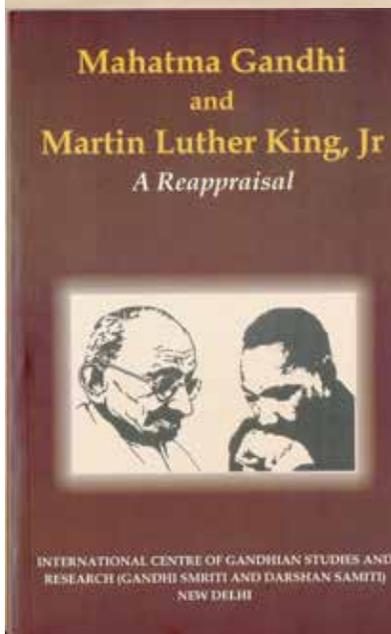


Library Documentation and Publication

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 has been set up. The library has a collection of nearly 12,000 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. Many 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. In an effort to strengthen the Documentation Centre, several other topics have been added this year. The process of digitalization of the library is in progress.

Publications





Visitors

During the year, the Samiti became a host to a large number of visitors. Some of them were:

Visit of Duke and Duchess of Cambridge to Gandhi Smriti



The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge have paid tribute to India's founding father Mahatma Gandhi, describing him as a "visionary leader" as they visited Gandhi Smriti on April 11, 2016. In a poignant ceremony, Prince William and Princess Kate scattered rose petals on the spot in New Delhi where the man who led India to independence was shot and killed in 1948. Director GSDS Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan took the royal couple in a guided tour of the museum.



SILENT STEPS: The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge Prince William and Princess Kate watch the footsteps of Mahatma Gandhi as they move towards the Martyr's Column in Gandhi Smriti.



The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge Prince William and Princess Kate in Gandhi Smriti pays homage to Mahatma Gandhi at the Martyr's Column after their interaction with Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan (Above).



Children from Bharatiya Vidya Bhawan's Mehta Vidyalaya who presented favourite hymns of Gandhiji on the occasion share a moment with the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

Besides visiting the Gandhi Smriti Museum, the couple saw a live demonstration on the charkha. On this occasion, 30 children accompanied by their teachers and Principal from Bharatiya Vidya Bhawan presented favourite hymns of Gandhiji.

Visit of former French President Nicolas Sarkozy



1. Former French President Mr. Nicolas Sarkozy offers floral tributes at the Martyrs Column.
 2. Director GSDS Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan at the Gandhi Smriti museum with Mr. Sarkozy.

3. French Ambassador to India, HE. Mr. François Richier being felicitated by Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan.

Former French President Nicolas Sarkozy visited Gandhi Smriti on April 13, 2016 along with the French Ambassador to India Mr. François Richier. The 15-member delegation besides visiting the Gandhi Smriti Museum also paid tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at the Martyr's Column.

Tim Cook visits pays homage to Mahatma Gandhi

Mr. Tim Cook, Apple CEO visited Gandhi Smriti on May 21, 2016. During his visit, Mr. Cook took a round of the Gandhi Smriti Skill Development Centre *Srijan* and also purchased few of the items from there.



CEO Apple, Mr. Tim Cook offers tributes at the Martyr's Column in Gandhi Smriti as Director GSDS Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Dr. Sailaja Gullapalli and others look on.

Ms. Theresa May offers tributes to Mahatma Gandhi

Prime Minister of UK, Ms. Theresa May had visited the Gandhi Smriti on November 7, 2016, her first bilateral visit outside Europe since taking office. This was also the Prime Minister's first trade mission, with a business delegation drawn from regions across the UK accompanying her to India. The Secretary of State for International Trade, Liam Fox, and the Trade Minister Greg Hands also joined the visit.



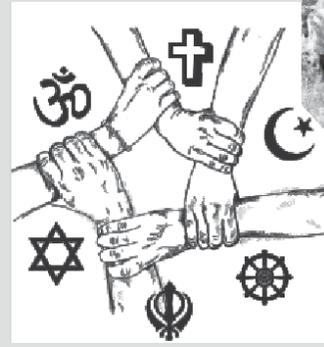
(Above): Prime Minister of U.K., H.E. Ms Theresa May take a walk towards the prayer ground in Gandhi Smriti along with Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan (L) and Dr. Sailaja Gullapalli (C), Research Associate GSDS.

(Below): Ms. Theresa May offers rich tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at the Martyr's Column.

The other prominent visitors during the year were:

1. The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge had visited Gandhi Smriti on 11th April, 2016. They were accompanied by The High Commissioner of Britain apart from various embassy officials.
2. Former President of France Mr. Nicolas Sarkozy had visited the museum on 13th April, 2016.
3. The Chief Auditor of South Korea had visited the museum on 22nd April, 2016. He was accompanied by The Director of Korean Trade Centre.
4. A four member business delegation from Dubai organized by The Embassy of Dubai had visited the museum on 23rd April, 2016.
5. Parliamentary delegation of media persons organized by The Lok Sabha Secretariat had visited the museum on 27th April, 2016.
6. A delegation comprising of forty members from different countries had visited the museum on 4th May, 2016. This visit was organized by Seven Cities Tour of Delhi.
7. A ten member delegation comprising of members from International Festival of Language & Culture had visited the museum on 6th May, 2016.
8. A parliamentary delegation comprising of thirty two members had visited the museum on 9th May, 2016. This visit was organized by the Lok Sabha Secretariat.
9. A delegation comprising of five members from The Embassy of South Africa had visited the museum on 10th May, 2016.
10. A delegation headed by the CEO of Apple Inc., Mr. Tim Cook had visited the museum on 21st May, 2016.
11. German Secretary of Ministry of Transport had visited the museum on 31st May, 2016.
12. A twenty member delegation headed by U. S. Senator, Mr. Ben Cardin has visited the museum on 2nd June, 2016.
13. A delegation comprising of approximately forty five members from Jharkhand Judicial Services had visited the museum on 6th June, 2016.
14. A parliamentary delegation comprising of thirty five members from Lok Sabha Secretariat had visited the museum on 9th June, 2016.
15. Mr. Wonsok Yun, Executive Vice President, Korea Business Development Centre had visited the museum on 18th June, 2016. He was accompanied by Mr. D. S. Choi, Director General and Mr. Y. S. Park, Director of KOTRA
16. A parliamentary delegation comprising of thirty five members from various countries had visited the museum on 17th July 2016. This visit was organised by the Lok Sabha Secretariat.
17. Turkmenistan's Air Commander-in-chief, Mr. Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedow, had visited the museum on 20th July, 2016. He was accompanied by a six member delegation comprising of officers of The Indian Air Force.
18. A thirty member delegation of MPs from Myanmar had visited the museum on 9th August 2016.
19. A thirty five member delegation from Lok Sabha Secretariat comprising of media persons from Pondicherry and Telengana had visited the museum on 11th August 2016.
20. A three member delegation, headed by the Regional Bilateral Relations Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of Cuba had visited the museum on 31st August 2016.
21. A delegation comprising of nineteen members from Bureau of Parliamentary Studies Training had visited the museum on 8th September, 2016.
22. A ten member delegation headed by the Chief Minister of North West Province of South Africa had visited the museum on 17th September, 2016. He was accompanied by the High Commissioner and two state ministers of South Africa.

23. A delegation comprising of hundred members from various countries organized by Ship for World Youth Global Assembly had visited the museum on 22nd September, 2016.
24. A delegation comprising of fifteen members of Parliament from Japan had visited the museum on 23rd September, 2016.
25. A ten member delegation headed by the Transport Minister of Republic of Germany, Mr. Alexandar Dobrindt, had visited the museum on 16th October, 2016.
26. A seven member delegation comprising of Senior Government Officials from The Republic of Germany had visited the museum on 19th October, 2016.
27. A delegation comprising of five senior executives from Apple Inc. had visited the museum on 28th October, 2016.
28. A ten member delegation from South African Embassy headed by the Minister of Basic Education, South Africa had visited the museum on 2nd November 2016.
29. Minister of Development, Turkey had visited the museum along with a fourteen member delegation on 2nd November 2016.
30. Prime Minister of UK, Ms. Theresa May had visited the museum on 7th November, 2016.
31. A seven member delegation from Russia had visited the museum on 15th November 2016.
32. A thirty member delegation from Afghanistan had visited the museum on 26th November 2016. This visit was organized by Bureau of Parliamentary Studies and Training, Lok Sabha Secretariat.
33. A delegation from the Embassy of Finland, headed by the official Santa Claus of Finland had visited the museum on 5th December 2016.
34. A ten member delegation headed by The Air Chief Marshal of Bangladesh had visited the museum on 8th December 2016.
35. An eight member delegation from South African Embassy headed by the Deputy Minister of Health had visited the museum on 17th December 2016.
36. A six member delegation headed by the Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan had visited the museum on 18th January 2017.
37. A delegation comprising of one hundred and twenty officers from National Defense College had visited the museum on 20th January 2017.
38. A delegation comprising of six Member of Parliament from Taiwan had visited the museum on 12th February 2017.
39. A delegation comprising of forty three members from Bureau of Parliamentary Studies and Training, Lok Sabha Secretariat had visited the museum on 21st February 2017.
40. A delegation comprising of twenty three members from Malaysia had visited the museum on 1st March, 2017.
41. A delegation comprising of twelve diplomats from Germany had visited the museum on 5th March 2017.
42. A seven member delegation headed by the Air Chief Marshal of Israel had visited the museum on 7th March 2017.
43. A three member delegation headed by a Member of Parliament of Japan had visited the museum on 15th March 2017.
44. USA's Ambassador to India, Ms. Mary Kay Carlson had visited the museum on 16th March 2017.
45. A delegation comprising of fifty members headed by Mr. Ko Wen-Je, the Mayor of Taipei City, Taiwan had visited the museum on 31st March, 2017.
46. A ten member delegation, headed by the Tourism Minister of Malaysia had visited the museum on 31st March 2017.



Farewell

Shri Brij Narain, was given a befitting farewell by the Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan and other staff members in the year 2016-17 after completing over three decades of service at the GSDS. Shri Brij Narain was holding the post of Office Supervisor at the time of his retirement.



(From L to R): Shri Brij Narain, Director GSDS Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan, Administrative Officer, Shri S A Jamal, Accounts Officer Shri Babu Ram Sharma at the farewell ceremony.

Shri Jagmohan, joined the GSDS almost four decades back and worked as an attendant at the time of his retirement.

A diligent, disciplined and honest worker, Shri Jagmohan was given a graceful farewell by Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan and all other staff members who spoke about Shri Jagmohan's commitment and dedication to work.



Director GSDS, Shri Dipanker Shri Gyan extends his warmth to Shri Jagmohan during the farewell ceremony.



कस्तूरबा गांधी की पुण्य तिथि पर नुककड़ नाटक आयोजित

श्री दिल्ली, 21 मार्च

श्री दिल्ली, 21 मार्च को कस्तूरबा गांधी की पुण्य तिथि पर नुककड़ नाटक आयोजित किया गया। कार्यक्रम में कस्तूरबा गांधी की जीवनी पर आधारित नाटक प्रस्तुत किया गया। कार्यक्रम में कस्तूरबा गांधी की जीवनी पर आधारित नाटक प्रस्तुत किया गया। कार्यक्रम में कस्तूरबा गांधी की जीवनी पर आधारित नाटक प्रस्तुत किया गया।



श्री दिल्ली, 21 मार्च को कस्तूरबा गांधी की पुण्य तिथि पर नुककड़ नाटक आयोजित किया गया।

गंगे रंगमंच पर जौहर

दिल्ली एनसीआर से एक नए किए दिखाने

दिल्ली एनसीआर से एक नए किए दिखाने। गंगे रंगमंच पर जौहर। दिल्ली एनसीआर से एक नए किए दिखाने। गंगे रंगमंच पर जौहर। दिल्ली एनसीआर से एक नए किए दिखाने।

जस्तावर्षावत ब्रामा थेरेपी 'द हार्ट बीट' थियेटर फेस्टिवल दिखाने बच्चे दिखाएंगे रंगमंच का जौहर

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गांधी साहित्य महोत्सव और कारीगर हाट का शुभ

जस्तावर्षावत 2023-24

गांधी साहित्य महोत्सव और कारीगर हाट का शुभ। जस्तावर्षावत 2023-24। गांधी साहित्य महोत्सव और कारीगर हाट का शुभ।

गांधी साहित्य महोत्सव व कारीगर हाट का उद्घाटन

श्री दिल्ली, 21 मार्च

गांधी साहित्य महोत्सव व कारीगर हाट का उद्घाटन। श्री दिल्ली, 21 मार्च को गांधी साहित्य महोत्सव व कारीगर हाट का उद्घाटन किया गया।

गांधी साहित्य महोत्सव व कारीगर हाट का उद्घाटन

गांधी परंपराओं को आगे बढ़ाने के लिए जितना भी काम हो व काम है - लक्ष्मी दास

गांधी साहित्य महोत्सव व कारीगर हाट का उद्घाटन। गांधी परंपराओं को आगे बढ़ाने के लिए जितना भी काम हो व काम है - लक्ष्मी दास।

दिल्ली हाट की तज पर बनना गांधी साहित्य हाट

जस्तावर्षावत 2023-24

दिल्ली हाट की तज पर बनना गांधी साहित्य हाट। जस्तावर्षावत 2023-24। दिल्ली हाट की तज पर बनना गांधी साहित्य हाट।

साहित्य महोत्सव में गांधीवादियों का जमावड़ा

श्री दिल्ली, 21 मार्च

साहित्य महोत्सव में गांधीवादियों का जमावड़ा। श्री दिल्ली, 21 मार्च को साहित्य महोत्सव में गांधीवादियों का जमावड़ा हुआ।



साहित्य महोत्सव में गांधीवादियों का जमावड़ा। श्री दिल्ली, 21 मार्च को साहित्य महोत्सव में गांधीवादियों का जमावड़ा हुआ।

गांधी साहित्य महोत्सव और कारीगर हाट का उद्घाटन

श्री दिल्ली, 21 मार्च

गांधी साहित्य महोत्सव और कारीगर हाट का उद्घाटन। श्री दिल्ली, 21 मार्च को गांधी साहित्य महोत्सव और कारीगर हाट का उद्घाटन किया गया।

6 दैनिक जागरण भ्रमसूर, 10 मार्च 2017

महिला सशक्तिकरण के लिए जागृत हुए लोग

महिला सशक्तिकरण के लिए जागृत हुए लोग। महिला सशक्तिकरण के लिए जागृत हुए लोग। महिला सशक्तिकरण के लिए जागृत हुए लोग।

गीता, ज्ञान और कर्म का त्रियोग गांधी

श्री दिल्ली, 21 मार्च

गीता, ज्ञान और कर्म का त्रियोग गांधी। श्री दिल्ली, 21 मार्च को गीता, ज्ञान और कर्म का त्रियोग गांधी का कार्यक्रम हुआ।

प्रभात खबर

श्री दिल्ली, 21 मार्च

प्रभात खबर। श्री दिल्ली, 21 मार्च को प्रभात खबर का कार्यक्रम हुआ।

कस्तूरबा गांधी को श्रद्धांजलि

श्री दिल्ली, 21 मार्च

कस्तूरबा गांधी को श्रद्धांजलि। श्री दिल्ली, 21 मार्च को कस्तूरबा गांधी को श्रद्धांजलि दी गई।

महिला दिवस पर सेमिनार का हुआ आयोजन

श्री दिल्ली, 21 मार्च

महिला दिवस पर सेमिनार का हुआ आयोजन। श्री दिल्ली, 21 मार्च को महिला दिवस पर सेमिनार का हुआ आयोजन।

Tributes paid to Kasturba Gandhi on her death anniversary

श्री दिल्ली, 21 मार्च

Tributes paid to Kasturba Gandhi on her death anniversary। श्री दिल्ली, 21 मार्च को कस्तूरबा गांधी की मृत्यु वार्षिकी पर श्रद्धांजलि दी गई।

Seminar on 'Sheroes of India's freedom struggle'

श्री दिल्ली, 21 मार्च

Seminar on 'Sheroes of India's freedom struggle'। श्री दिल्ली, 21 मार्च को 'श्रीमतीयों का आजादी संग्राम' पर सेमिनार का हुआ आयोजन।

महात्मा गांधी का 69वां बलिदान दिवस

श्री दिल्ली, 21 मार्च

महात्मा गांधी का 69वां बलिदान दिवस। श्री दिल्ली, 21 मार्च को महात्मा गांधी का 69वां बलिदान दिवस मनाया गया।

गांधी के विकास में युवाओं की रचनात्मकता का करें प्रयोग: प्रो. मिश्र

श्री दिल्ली, 21 मार्च

गांधी के विकास में युवाओं की रचनात्मकता का करें प्रयोग: प्रो. मिश्र। श्री दिल्ली, 21 मार्च को गांधी के विकास में युवाओं की रचनात्मकता का करें प्रयोग: प्रो. मिश्र का कार्यक्रम हुआ।

Rich tributes paid to Kasturba Gandhi

श्री दिल्ली, 21 मार्च

Rich tributes paid to Kasturba Gandhi। श्री दिल्ली, 21 मार्च को कस्तूरबा गांधी पर अनेक श्रद्धांजलियां दी गईं।

मान्यवर महात्मा, किस्सा सुनते हो रोज औरों के, आज मेरी भी दास्तां सुनो...

बेतिया

27 फरवरी, 1917

मान्यवर महात्मा,

किस्सा सुनते हो रोज औरों के, आज मेरी भी दास्तां सुनो...

आपने उस अनहोनी को प्रत्यक्ष कर कार्य रूप में परिणत कर दिखलाया, जिसे टॉलस्टॉय जैसे महात्मा केवल विचार करते थे. इसी आशा और विश्वास के वशीभूत होकर हम आपके निकट अपनी रामकहानी सुनाने के लिए तैयार हैं. हमारी दुखभरी कथा दक्षिण अफ्रीका के उस अत्याचार से, जो आपके अनुयायी वीर सत्याग्रही बहनों और भाइयों के साथ हुआ, कहीं अधिक है.

हम अपना वह दुख, जो हमारी 19 लाख आत्माओं के हृदय पर बीत रहा है, सुनाकर आपके कोमल हृदय को दुखित करना उचित नहीं समझते. बस केवल इतनी प्रार्थना है कि आप स्वयं आकर अपनी आंखों से देख लीजिए, तब आपको अच्छी तरह विश्वास हो जाएगा कि भारतवर्ष के एक कोने में यहां की प्रजा, जिसको ब्रिटिश छत्र की सुशीतल छाया में रहने का अभिमान प्राप्त है, किस प्रकार के कष्ट सहकर पशुवत जीवन व्यतीत कर रही है.

हम और अधिक न लिखकर आपका ध्यान उस प्रतिज्ञा की ओर आकृष्ट करना चाहते हैं जो लखनऊ कांग्रेस और फिर वहां से लौटते समय कानपुर में आपने की थी, अर्थात् मैं मार्च/अप्रैल महीने में चंपारण आऊंगा. बस, अब समय आ गया है श्रीमान अपनी प्रतिज्ञा को पूर्ण करें. चंपारण की 19 लाख दुखी प्रजा श्रीमान के चरण कमल के लिए टकटकी लगाए बैठी है और उन्हें आशा ही नहीं पूर्ण विश्वास है कि जिस प्रकार भगवान श्रीरामचंद्र के चरण स्पर्श से अहिल्या तर गई, उसी प्रकार श्रीमान के चंपारण में पैर रखते ही हम 19 लाख प्रजाओं का उद्धार हो जाएगा.

श्रीमान का दर्शनाभिलाषी

राजकुमार शुक्ल

Some of the Associates of Mahatma Gandhi in Champaran



“It could take a longer time to solve the problem of Champaran for which the local leaders may, not only have to leave their profession, but even be ready to go to jail.”

- M. K. Gandhi

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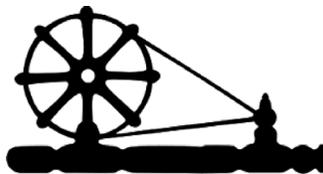
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**ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT REPORT
2016-17**



GANDHI SMRITI AND DARSHAN SAMITI
RAJGHAT, NEW DELHI-110002

**Separate Audit Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India on the Accounts
of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti
for the year ended 31 March 2017**

We have audited the attached Balance Sheet of the Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (GSDS) as at 31 March 2017, Income & Expenditure Account and Receipts & Payments Account for the year ended on that date under Section 20 (1) of the Comptroller and Auditor General's (Duties, Powers & Conditions of Service) Act, 1971. The audit has been entrusted up to 2018-19. These financial statements are the responsibility of the GSDS's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

2. This Separate Audit Report contains the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) on the accounting treatment only with regard to classification conformity with the best accounting practices, accounting standards and disclosure norms, etc. Audit observations on financial transaction with regard to compliance with the Law, Rules & Regulations (Propriety and Regularity) and efficiency-cum-performance aspects, etc., if any, are reported through Inspection Reports/CAG's Audit Reports separately.

3. We have conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in India. These standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatements. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidences supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of financial statements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

4. Based on our audit, we report that:

- i. We have obtained all the information and explanations, which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit;
- ii. The Balance Sheet, Income & Expenditure Account/Receipts & Payments Account dealt with by this report have been drawn up in the format approved by the Ministry of Finance.
- iii. In our opinion, proper books of accounts and other relevant records have been maintained by the GSDS in so far as it appears from our examination of such books.

iv. We further report that:

A Balance Sheet

A.1 Assets

A.1.1 Fixed Assets (Schedule-8): Rs. 3.44 crore

A.1.1.1 An amount of Rs. 7.23 crore was released to CPWD for 'Up-gradation of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, Tees January Marg, New Delhi' during the year 2015-16. CPWD utilized Rs. 4.31 crore during the year and had unspent balance of Rs. 2.92 crore as on 31.03.2016. During 2016-17, Rs. 50.41 lakh was given to CPWD out of which CPWD utilized Rs. 2.54 crore. GSDS depicted Rs. 6.85 crore (Rs. 4.31 crore in 2015-16 and Rs. 2.54 crore in 2016-17) as revenue expenditure instead of capitalizing the amount as the expenditure was incurred for upgradation of the Samiti. This has resulted in understatement of fixed assets (work in progress) and overstatement of expenditure by Rs. 6.85 crore. This was also pointed out in previous year's report, however, no remedial action was taken.

A.1.2 Current Assets, Loans, Advances etc (Schedule-11): Rs. 4.42 crore

A.1.2.1 An amount of Rs. 1.25 crore was depicted as 'Advance' to National Archives of India in Schedule 11 of the Balance Sheet whereas the amount was not paid to the National Archives of India during 2016-17. This has resulted in understatement of Current Assets (Bank Balance) and overstatement of Loans and Advances by Rs. 1.25 crore.

A.1.2.2 Cheques amounting to Rs. 0.38 lakh pertaining to the period from December 2009 to December 2011 were not credited into bank and were depicted as pending clearance in the Bank Reconciliation Statement. The cheques become time barred as on 31.03.2017. This has resulted in understatement of 'Sundry Debtors' and overstatement of 'Bank Balance' by Rs. 0.38 lakh.

B. Income and Expenditure Account

B.1 Income

B.1.1 During 2015-16, the unspent balance of Grants/Subsidies was Rs. 185.63 lakh which was to be taken as opening balance for the year 2016-17. But during the year 2016-17, the opening balance was depicted as 160.85 lakh instead of Rs. 185.63 lakh. The difference of Rs. 24.78 lakh was depicted in Schedule 2-Reserve and Surplus as 'balance as per last year account' whereas there was no balance in previous year under that head. This resulted in understatement of Income as well as overstatement of Reserve and Surplus by Rs. 24.78 lakh. Similarly, during the year 2016-17, Rs. 25.22 lakh out of unspent balance of Rs. 25.78 lakh was transferred to Reserve and Surplus. This resulted in understatement of Income by Rs. 25.78 lakh and overstatement of Reserve and Surplus by Rs. 25.22 lakh. Further, the difference of Rs. 0.56 lakh (Rs. 25.78 lakh – Rs. 25.22 lakh) also needs to be reconciled.

B.2 Expenditure

B.2.1 An expenditure of Rs. 4.17 lakh was incurred on two programmes and depicted as 'expenditure'. However, the amount was not paid in 2016-17 and it was actually paid in April 2017. Since the accounts of GSDS were prepared on cash basis, this was not to be depicted as 'Expenditure'. This has resulted in overstatement of 'Expenditure' and understatement of Bank Balance by Rs. 4.17 lakh.

C. General

C.1 During 2016-17, GSDS invested the entire GPF accumulations of Rs. 176.83 lakh into term deposits, which was not in accordance with the pattern prescribed by the Ministry of Finance.

C.2 As per Schedule-10 of the Format of Accounts prescribed by the Ministry of Finance, each entity is to disclose the accounting policy in relation to investments both for long term & current investments. Audit noted that GSDS kept huge balances in savings bank account maintained with saving bank, which yielded interest at the rate of 4% annually. Closing balances of every month are as under:

Bank Balances (Rs. in lakh)		
Month	Syndicate Bank A/c No. 90432010031268	State Bank of India A/c No. 10021675556
April 2016	259.54	68.73
May 2016	299.53	69.13
June 2016	784.07	71.01
July 2016	739.72	71.61

Bank Balances (Rs. in lakh)		
Month	Syndicate Bank A/c No. 90432010031268	State Bank of India A/c No. 10021675556
Aug 2016	592.43	72.55
Sept 2016	299.55	73.62
Oct 2016	185.74	7.02
Nov 2016	104.56	7.25
Dec 2016	212.28	10.80
Jan 2017	43.59	23.57
Feb 2017	208.37	96.58
March 2017	194.78	101.98

GSDS had no investment policy for the unspent balance lying in the bank account. In the absence of Short term FDRs, Auto Sweep Account, etc. for these balances, GSDS lost the opportunity to earn interest income over and above the saving bank interest being given by the bank.

D. Other Persistent Irregularities:

On the following audit comments, although featured in the previous years' reports, GSDS had not taken the remedial action:

- D.1** As per the format approved by the Ministry of Finance to be adopted by the autonomous bodies, the financial statements were to be prepared on the accrual method of accounting. However, GSDS was maintaining the accounts on cash system of accounting. The schedule numbers were also not in conformity with the approved format.
- D.2** An amount of Rs. 0.24 lakh was depicted as TDS recoverable on the Asset side of the Balance Sheet of GPF/CPF. This amount was also shown in the last year's Balance sheet also. Audit noted that this amount pertained to TDS wrongly deducted by the Syndicate Bank. Despite being pointed out by audit, the GSDS could not recover this amount.
- D.3** In the annual accounts, Sale proceeds of books, journals and subscription amounting to Rs. 8.43 lakh was shown which included amount of subscription of Rs. 3.55 lakh. However, as per the details provided to audit, subscription of Rs. 2.30 lakh only was received during the year 2014-15. Despite assurance given by GSDS, the difference in amount of subscription was not reconciled as yet.
- D.4** During 2014-15, an amount of Rs. 2.65 lakh was recovered from KVIC on account of property tax and was shown as negative expenditure under the head 'Other Administrative Expenses'.

Audit noted that GSDS had paid this amount on account of property tax in earlier years which was recovered from KVIC during 2014-15. Since the no debtors were shown in the previous years' account, it was shown as minus figure under the head 'Other Administrative Expenses'. This had resulted in understatement of expenditure by Rs. 2.65 lakh during 2014-15. Despite being pointed out by audit, GSDS did not take any corrective measures.

E. Grants-in-aid:

The grants-in-aid received from Ministry of Culture and utilization thereof for the year 2016-17 are given below:

(Rs. in lakh)

Particulars	Plan	Non-Plan	Total
Unspent balance of previous year	185.78	229.88	415.66
Grants in Aid received during the year	785.88	348.67	1134.55
Internal receipts during the year	8.90	53.41	62.31
Total available fund	980.56	631.96	1612.52
Less: Expenditure during the year	954.68	519.00	1473.68
Unspent balance	25.88	112.96	138.84

GSDS had unspent balance of Rs. 138.84 lakh at the end of the financial year.

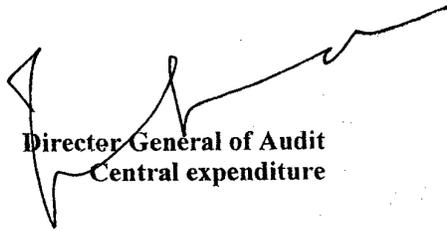
v. Subject to our observations in the preceding paragraphs, we report that the Balance Sheet, Income & Expenditure Account and Receipts & Payments Account dealt with by this report are in agreement with the books of accounts.

vi. In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the said financial statements read together with Notes on Accounts, and subject to the significant matters stated above and other matters mentioned in Annexure to this Audit Report give a true and fair view in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in India;

- a. In so far as it relates to the Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti March 2017; and
- b. In so far as it relates to Income and Expenditure Account of the deficit for the year ended on that date.

For and on behalf of C& AG of India

Place: New Delhi
Date: 08.11.2017


Director General of Audit
Central expenditure

Annexure

1. Adequacy of internal audit system

- Internal audit for the year 2016-17 was conducted by the Chartered Accountant and was found to be adequate.

2. Adequacy of Internal control System

- The Management's response towards statutory audit was not effective as 17 audit paras for the period from 2005-06 to 2013-14 were outstanding.
- No expenditure control register, register of refund of revenue, sanction register, contract register were maintained by the GSDS.

3. System of Physical verification of assets

- Physical verification of fixed assets has been conducted up to 2016-17 and found to be adequate. The Fixed assets registers were to be maintained for plan/non-plan head of accounts separately.

4. System of Physical verification of inventory

- Physical verification of inventory has been conducted up to 2016-17 and found to be adequate.

5. Regularity in payment of statutory dues

- No payment over six months in respect of statutory dues was outstanding as on 31.03.2017.

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2017

RECEIPTS :	Schedule	Current Year 2016-17		Previous Year 2015-16		Schedule	Current Year 2016-17		Previous Year 2015-16	
		Plan Rs	Non-Plan Rs	Plan Rs	Non-Plan Rs		Plan Rs	Non-Plan Rs	Plan Rs	Non-Plan Rs
I. Opening Balance										
a) Cash in hand (Imprest)						24	0	40,685,866	0	36,107,624
Postage		14,823		16,254	2,220	25	63,473,006	16,238,483	100,978,349	12,489,594
b) Bank Balance :	2	11,653,550	22,988,188	3,081,423	11,443,119		2,452,454		1,644,898	-
- Syndicate Bank										
- State Bank of India		6,909,242		4,218,467			1,909,360		2,127,233	
- Canara Bank							16,472		11,945	
- State Bank of India										
II. Grants Received										
a) From Govt. of India :										
General		54,776,929	5,426,000	148,463,307	52,254,661		631,269			564,062
North East		1,589,033		0			4,177,300			6,100,689
Salaries		19,690,205	29,441,000				769,587			760,239
CCA		2,521,765					4,158			4,836
III. Interest Received	19						963,711			771,299
a) On Bank Deposits/Saving Bank(Net)			2,000,750		1,954,257					
b) Loans, advances etc							47,133		21,829	41,998
IV. Other Income								795,400		404,200
1. Electricity		865,660			1,479,812		30,000	58,500	108,000	240,000
2. Water		2,529,352			1,228,075		2,368,700		981,300	
3. House Rent		82,009			68,959				57,884	
4. Sale of books/Subscriptions		260,659			348,879				0	
5. Sale of Condemed Goods										
6. Misc. Receipts		2,952,551			2,353,903		13,707,402		82,213,950	
7. Collection from education centre										
8. Khadi sales		889,680		273,310				10,000		0
9. Saksham Sale			26,577							40,000
V. Any Other Receipts								12,500,000		
Recoveries / Adjustments :								318,000		35,500
a) Recoveries										
New Pension								64,523		250,000
Liabilities written off								923,477		189,852
			18,490							0

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RECEIPTS :	Current Year 2016-17		Previous Year 2015-16		Schedule	Current Year 2016-17		Previous Year 2015-16	
	Schedule		Non-Plan			Schedule		Non-Plan	
	Plan Rs	Non-Plan Rs	Plan Rs	Non-Plan Rs		Plan Rs	Non-Plan Rs	Plan Rs	Non-Plan Rs
i) GPF/CPF		4,177,300	-	6,100,689					1,859
ii) G.I		4,158	-	4,836					
iii) LIC		769,587	-	760,239		184,425		0	-
iv) Income Tax		963,711	-	769,145			435,000	0	-
v) CGHS		89,800	-	80,400					
vi) Security		1,269,125	-	395,000					
vii) Others- Staff Loan			-	0					
viii) New Pension-NSDL	631,269		-	564,062		8,831		14,823	0
ix) Temporary Loan			-	-					
x) G.I Recovery Payable			-	0					
xi) Income Tax Recovery Payable			-	0					
xii) Excess Deduction of Loan instalment to syndicate bank of employee			-	0					
xiii) KVIC			-	0					
xiv) IGNOU		15,763	-	0					
xv) CPWD Advance Recovery			49,599,947	-					
xvi) Salary & Wages Recovery	181,000		136,619	-					
xvii) Recovery of postage advance to Deptt. Of Post			400,000	-					
b) Adjustment									
i) Adv General		590,816		373,200					
ii) Adv. Programme	2,233,800		990,200	-					
iii) Employees Adv (HBA)		365,000	-	304,450					
v) LTC Recoveries		47,133	18,828	28,682					
vi) Corpus Fund Adjustment			-	-					
vii) Security Deposits Tenders		662,669		-					
Total	101,101,296	75,546,298	207,198,355	80,514,588	Total	101,101,296	75,546,298	207,198,355	80,514,588
Total Plan & Non-Plan		176,647,594		287,712,943	Total Plan & Non-Plan	176,647,594		287,712,943	

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DIRECTORSd/-
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERSd/-
O/S ACCOUNT OFFICERSd/-
ACCOUNTANTPlace : New Delhi
Date : 03.06.2017

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SCHEDULE - 24: FORMING PART OF RECEIPT & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2017

	Current Year 2016-17		Previous Year 2015-16	
	Plan	Non-Plan	Plan	Non-Plan
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
a) Salaries and Wages	-	19,984,284	-	17,606,860
b) Allowance and Bonus	-	641,501	-	131,593
c) Samiti Contribution to NPS/GPF	-	61,166	-	-
d) Contribution to CGHS/Medical Reimbursement	-	299,173	-	163,380
e) Expenses on Employee's Retirement and Terminal Benefits	-	1,915,091	-	2,813,442
f) Pension	-	15,968,994	-	14,571,502
g) Contribution to Provident Fund	-	-	-	-
h) Other:	-	30,182	-	51,131
Tuition Fee	-	204,093	-	237,309
TA/DA/Leave Encashment	-	91,670	-	102,103
Deputation Benefits	-	91,224	-	-
i) CGHS Govt. Contribution for staff benefit	-	1,398,488	-	430,304
Total	0	40,685,866	0	36,107,624
Total Plan and Non-Plan		40,685,866		36,107,624

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DIRECTOR

Place : New Delhi
Date : 03.06.2017

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GANDHI SMRITI & DARSHAN SAMITI
RAJGHAT, NEW DELHI - 110002
SCHEDULE - 25: FORMING PART OF RECEIPT & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2017

	Current Year 2016-17		Previous Year 2015-16	
	Plan Rs	Non-Plan Rs	Plan Rs	Non-Plan Rs
a) Purchase of Books NewsPapers and Periodicals		39,027	-	39,699
b) Electricity and Power	3,130,908	7,018,510	5,647,084	5,079,770
c) Water Charges	1,130,412	5,879,577	1,983,646	3,150,946
d) Insurance	9,076	12,694	3,270	17,112
e) Repairs and Maintenance	1,578,595	96,320	49,439,337	1,368,877
f) Sanitation		737,158	-	308,967
g) Property Tax			-	0
h) Vehicle Running and Maintenance	172,802	300,522	100,479	140,137
i) Telephone and Communication Charges	141,823	77,401	257,963	55,136
j) Printing and Stationary		691,198	-	465,639
k) Travelling and Conveyance Expenses	15,139		19,206	0
l) Auditor's Remuneration	-	154,645	-	218,925
m) Professional Charges: Legal Expenses		75,000	-	25,100
n) Programmes Advertisement and Publicity	1,502,078		0	95,854
o) Fee & Honorarium	1,287,458	299,025	330,169	1,010,150
p) Bank Charges		22,182	-	10,099
q) LTC	1,811		20,820	-
r) Others:				
(i) Misc Expenses		66,499	-	104,554
(ii) Uniform & Liveries	5,822	45,372	-	149,233
(iii) Insurance of money Transit		576	-	-
s) Purchase of Books		722,777	-	249,396
t) Postage advance w/off			-	-
Programme's/Scheme :				
(i) Regular and Special Programmes, Exhibitions, National and children programmes	21,098,746		13,514,494	-
(ii) Development of Gandhi Smriti and Gandhi Darshan Complexes	519,915		505,788	-

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(iii)	Expenses of Photo Unit	-	-	-	-
(iv)	Strengthening of Samiti's administrative infrastructure	-	-	-	-
	a) Salary & Allowance	21,876,781	21,910,112		
	b) Tuition Fee	180,000	191,250		
	c) Security Guards	7,302,822	2,744,792		
	d) CADAM (Safai Sewak)	-	-		
(v)	Contribution to CGHS/Medical Reimbursement	699,619	23,736		
(vi)	Samiti Contribution to NPS	631,269	564,062		
(vii)	TADA/Leave Encashment	375,035	174,800		
(viii)	Publication of literature	700,245	584,659		
(ix)	International Centre for Gandhian Studies & Peace Research	-	-		
(x)	National Gandhi Fellowship	-	-		
(xi)	Exhibition Expenses	1,112,650	2,322,532		
(xii)	Mobile Book Exhibition	-	-		
xiii)	Postage Expenses	-	436,983		
xiv)	CGHS Govt. Contribution for staff benefit	-	199,784		
xv)	NIOS	-	3,383		
	Total	63,473,006	100,978,349	16,238,483	12,489,594
	Total Plan and Non-Plan	63,473,006	100,978,349	79,711,489	113,467,943

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Place : New Delhi
Date : 03.06.2017

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GANDHI SMRITI & DARSHAN SAMITI
RAJGHAT, NEW DELHI - 110002
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2017

Schedule	Current Year 2016-17		Previous Year 2015-16	
	Plan	Non-Plan	Plan	Non-Plan
INCOME				
Income from Sales/Services	Rs. 889,680	Rs. 3,239,787	Rs. 273,310	Rs. 2,702,782
Grants/Subsidies	89,572,824	46,558,551	137,200,405	40,709,592
Fees/Subscriptions	-	-	-	-
Income from Investments	-	-	-	-
Income from Royalty, Publication etc.	0	2,000,750	-	1,954,257
Interest earned	-	100,499	-	68,959
Other Income	-	430,338	98,279	63,250
Increase / Decrease in Stock of Finished Goods	91,578	430,338	98,279	63,250
Total-A	90,554,082	52,329,925	137,571,994	45,498,840
Total Plan and Non Plan	142,884,007		183,070,834	
EXPENDITURE				
Establishment Expenses		40,596,066	-	36,027,224
Other Administrative Expenses etc.		12,827,708	102,994,836	9,781,707
Depreciation/Deletion		3,814,035	-	3,737,322
(net total at the year end corresponding to Sch. 8)				
Total-B	99,294,572	57,237,809	102,994,836	49,546,253
Total Plan and Non Plan	156,532,381		152,541,089	
Balance being excess of Income over Expenditure (A-B)	-8,740,490	-4,907,885	34,577,158	-4,047,413
Transfer to Special Reserve (Specify each)				
Total Plan+Non-Plan excess income over expenditure/ (excess expenditure over income)		-13,648,375		30,529,745
Balance being cost of Assets to Capital fund/Reserve				
Significant Accounting Policies	26			
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Sd/- ACCOUNTANT OS/ACCOUNT OFFICER ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER DIRECTOR

Place : New Delhi
Date : 03.06.2017

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SCHEDULE- 14 & 15: FORMING PART OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2017

	Current Year 2016-17		Previous Year 2015-16	
	Plan	Non-Plan	Plan	Non-Plan
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
SCHEDULE 14 - INCOME FROM SALES/SERVICES				
1				
Income from Sales				
a) Sales of Finished Goods:				
Sale proceeds of books, Journal, Sales of Photos & Subscription		260,659	-	348,879
b) Books sale at Gandhi Smriti			-	-
c) Sale of scraps			-	-
d) Collection from Educational Center			-	-
e) Khadi sales at Gandhi Smriti	889,680		273,310	-
f) Saksham Sale		26,577		-
g) IGNOU			-	-
h) KVIC			-	-
2				
Other (specify) Misc. Receipts				
a) Accommodation Charges of International Hostel		2,952,551	-	2,353,903
b) Advance Written Back			-	-
c) Miscellaneous Receipts			-	-
Total	889,680	3,239,787	273,310	2,702,782

SCHEDULE 15 - GRANTS/SUBSIDIES (Irrevocable grants & subsidies received)

	2016-17		2015-16	
	Plan	Non-Plan	Plan	Non-Plan
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1				
Central Government:				
i				
Plan				
Unspent Opening Balance of Last Year	16,084,557		7,299,890	
Received During the Year for :				
- North East	1,599,033			

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- General Programme	-	54,776,929	
-Salaries	-	19,690,205	148,463,307
		92,150,724	155,763,197
Less: Unspent balance of the year transfer to Balance Sheet		2,577,900	18,562,792
		89,572,824	137,200,405

iii Non-Plan			
Unspent Opening Balance of Last Year			11,443,119
Received During the Year			
General Programme	-		
Salaries	-	5,426,000	52,254,661
		29,441,000	63,697,780
		57,855,188	22,988,188
Less: Unspent balance of the year transfer to Balance Sheet		11,296,637	
		46,558,551	40,709,592
2 State Government (s)			-
3 Government Agencies (NCERT)			-
4 Institutions/Welfare Bodies			-
5 International Organisation			-
6 Other (Specify) UNICEF			-

Total **89,572,824** **46,558,551** **137,200,405** **40,709,592**

Sd/- ACCOUNTANT OS/ACCOUNT OFFICER ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER Sd/- DIRECTOR

Place : New Delhi
Date : 03.06.2017

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SCHEDULE- 16 & 17: FORMING PART OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2017

	Current Year 2016-17		Previous Year 2015-16	
	Plan	Non-Plan	Plan	Non-Plan
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
SCHEDULE 16 INCOME FROM FEES/SUBSCRIPTIONS				
1	Entrance Fees	-	-	-
2	Annual Fees/Subscriptions	-	-	-
3	Seminar/Program Fees	-	-	-
4	Consultancy Fees	-	-	-
5	Others (Specify)	-	-	-
Total		-	-	-

Note: Accounting policies towards each item are to be disclosed

SCHEDULE 17: INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS:

	Investment from Corpus Fund		Investment from Corpus Fund	
	Current year	Previous Year	Current year	Previous Year
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
(Income on investment from Earmarked/Endowment Funds transferred to Funds)				
1	Interest	-	-	-
	a) On Government Securities	-	-	-
	b) Other Bonds/Debentures	-	-	-
2	Dividends	-	-	-
	a) On Shares	-	-	-
	b) Other Mutual Fund Securities	-	-	-
3	Rent	-	-	-
	Others (Specify)	-	-	-
Total		-	-	-
Transferred to Earmarked / Corpus Funds		-	-	-

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SCHEDULE-18 & 19: FORMING PART OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2017

	Current Year 2016-17		Current Year 2015-16	
	Plan	Non-Plan	Plan	Non-Plan
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
SCHEDULE 18 - INCOME FROM ROYALTY, PUBLICATION ETC.				
1				
Income from Royalty	-	-	-	-
2				
Income from Publications	-	-	-	-
3				
Others (specify):	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-
SCHEDULE 19 - INTEREST EARNED				
1) On Term Deposits with Scheduled Banks:				
a)				
With Non-Scheduled Banks	-	-	-	-
b)				
With Institutions	-	-	-	-
c)				
Others	-	-	-	-
2) On Bank Deposit				
d)		2,000,750		1,954,257
With Scheduled Banks	-	-	-	-
e)				
With Non-Scheduled Banks	-	-	-	-
f)				
With Institutions	-	-	-	-
g)				
Others	-	-	-	-
3) On Loans				
h)				
Employees/Staff	-	-	-	-
i)				
Others	-	-	-	-
4) Interest on Debtors and Other Receivables	-	-	-	-
Total	-	2,000,750	-	1,954,257

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ACCOUNTANT

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SCHEDULE-20 & 21: FORMING PART OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2017

	Current Year 2016-17		Previous Year 2015-16	
	Plan	Non-Plan	Plan	Non-Plan
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
SCHEDULE 20 - OTHER INCOME				
1		82,009	-	68,959
2		18,490		
	Total	100,499	-	68,959
SCHEDULE 21 - INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN STOCK OF FINISHED GOODS & WORK IN PROGRESS				
a)	Closing stock			
	Store and Spares	1,380,432	-	1,412,212
	Finished Goods	2,706,699	-	2,244,581
	Work-in-progress			
	Khadi Material	490,484	398,906	-
		490,484	398,906	3,656,793
b)	Less: Opening Stock			
	Store and Spares	1,412,212		1,377,116
	Finished Goods	2,244,581		2,216,427
	Work-in-progress			
	Khadi Material	398,906	300,627	
		398,906	300,627	3,593,543
	Net Increase / (Decrease) (a-b)	91,578	98,279	63,250

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SCHEDULE-22: FORMING PART OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2017

	Current Year 2016-17		Previous Year 2015-16	
	Plan	Non-Plan	Plan	Non-Plan
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
a) Salaries and Wages		19,984,284	-	17,606,860
b) Allowance and Bonus		641,501	-	131,593
c) Contribution to Pension Fund/GPF		61,166	-	-
d) Contribution to Provident Fund - Interest			-	-
e) Medical Reimbursement		299,173	-	163,380
f) Expenses on Employees Retirement and Terminal Benefits		1,915,091	-	2,813,442
g) Pension		15,968,994	-	14,571,502
h) Others:			-	-
LTC		30,182	-	51,131
Tuition Fee		204,093	-	237,309
TA/DA/Leave Encashment		91,670	-	102,103
Deputation Benefits		91,224	-	-
i) CGHS Govt. Contribution		1,308,688		349,904
Total		40,596,066	-	36,027,224

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SCHEDULE-23: FORMING PART OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2017

	Current Year		Previous Year	
	2016-17		2015-16	
	Plan	Non-Plan	Plan	Non-Plan
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
SCHEDULE 23 - OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES ETC.				
a) Purchase of News Papers and Periodicals		39,027	-	39,699
b) Electricity and power	3,130,908	6,152,850	5,647,084	3,599,958
c) Water Charges	1,130,412	3,350,225	1,983,646	1,922,871
d) Insurance	9,076	12,694	3,270	17,112
e) Repairs and maintenance of assets	1,578,595	96,320	49,439,337	1,368,877
f) Sanitation		721,395	-	308,967
g) Property Tax			-	0
h) Vehicle Running and Maintenance	172,802	300,522	100,479	140,137
i) Telephone and Communication Charges	141,823	77,401	257,963	55,136
j) Printing and Stationary		691,198	-	465,639
k) Travelling and Conveyance Expenses	15,139		19,206	0
l) Auditor's Remuneration		154,645	-	218,925
m) Professional Charges: Legal Expenses		75,000	-	25,100
n) Programmes Advertisement and Publicity	1,502,078		0	95,854
o) Fee and Honorarium	1,287,458	299,025	330,169	1,010,150
p) Bank charges		22,182	-	10,099
q) LTC	1,811		20,820	-
r) Others: (i) Misc. Expenses		66,499	-	104,554
(ii) Uniform & Liveries	5,822	45,372	-	149,233
(iii) Insurance of money Transit		576	-	0
s) Purchase of Books and khadi material	923,477	722,777	371,589	249,396
Implementation of programmes/Schemes				
(i) Regular and Special Programmes exhibition, National and Children programmes	21,098,746		13,514,494	-
(ii) Development of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Complexes	34,170,152		505,788	-
(iii) Expenses of Photo Unit			-	-
(iv) Strengthening of Samiti's administrative infrastructure			-	-

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a) Salary & Allowance	21,876,781	21,910,112	-
b) Tuition Fee	180,000	191,250	-
c) Security Guards	6,033,697	2,744,792	-
d) CADAM (Safai Sewak)	-	-	-
(v) Contribution to CGHS/Medical Reimbursement	699,619	23,736	-
(vi) Samiti Contribution to NPS	631,269	564,062	-
(vii) TADA/Leave Encashment	375,035	174,800	-
(viii) Publication of Literature	700,245	584,659	-
(ix) North East Prog	2,452,454	1,644,898	-
(x) International Centre for Gandhian Studies & Research	-	-	-
(xi) National Gandhi fellowship	-	-	-
(xii) Exhibition Expenses	1,112,650	2,322,532	-
(xiii) Mobile Book Exhibition	-	-	-
(xiv) Postage	64,523	436,983	-
(xv) CGHS Govt. Contribution	-	199,784	-
(xvi) NIOS	-	3,383	-
Total	99,294,572	12,827,708	9,781,707
Total Plan and Non-Plan	112,122,280	102,994,836	112,776,543

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GANDHI SMRITI & DARSHAN SAMITI
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SCHEDULE - 1: FORMING PART OF BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2017

	As At 31.03.2017	As At 31.03.2016
	Rs.	Rs.
SCHEDULE 1 - CORPUS/CAPITAL FUND		
CAPITAL FUND		
Balance as at the beginning of the year	72,585,749	42,056,004
Less : Unspent balance of previous year transferred to Income & expdt. Account	-	-
Add: Fixed Assets Purchased	4,495,924	77,081,673
Add: Prior Period Error		
GPF Recovery		-
Endowment fund		-
Advance to CPWD		-
Fixed Assets Written off		-
Gandhi Smriti Temporary Loan Written off		-
Gandhi Smriti Corpus/Capital Fund Adj.		-
Capitalization of books for library purchased in last year wrongly shown as expenditure		
Add : Balance of net Income / (Expenditure) transferred from Income & Expenditure Account	(13,648,375)	30,529,745
Total	63,433,298	72,585,749

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SCHEDULE - 2: FORMING PART OF BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH ,2017

	As At 31.03.2017 Rs.	As At 31.03.2016 Rs.
SCHEDULE - 2 RESERVES AND SURPLUS:		
1. Capital Reserve		
As per last Account	2,478,235	
Addition during the year	2,521,765	-
	5,000,000	
Less: Capital Assets	4,495,924	-
2. Revaluation Reserve		
As per last Account	504,076	-
Addition during the year	-	-
Less: Deductions during the year	-	-
3. Special Reserve		
As per last Account	-	-
Addition during the year	-	-
Less: Deductions during the year	-	-
4. General Reserve:		
As per last Account: Accumulated Excess of Income over Expenditure	-	-
Add: Addition during the year i.e. Excess of Income over Expenditure during the year	-	-
Less: Deductions during the year i.e. Excess of Expenditure over Income	-	-
Total	504,076	-

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SCHEDULE - 3: FORMING PART OF BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2017

	FUND-WISE BREAK UP		As At	As At
	North E. prog	Re-Dev. GSDS	31.03.2017	31.03.2016
			Rs.	Rs.
SCHEDULE - 3: EARMARKED/ENDOWMENT FUNDS :				
a) Opening balance of the funds	-	-	-	-
b) Addition to the funds during the year	-	-	-	-
- Donation/Grants	-	-	-	-
c) From UNICEF	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-
Utilisation/expenditure towards objectives of funds				
i) Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-
- Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-
- Others	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-
ii) Revenue Expenditure	-	-	-	-
- Salaries, wages and allowances etc.	-	-	-	-
- Rent	-	-	-	-
- Other Administrative expenses (North-East)	-	-	-	-
- UNICEF	-	-	-	-
iii) Adjustment against advance	-	-	-	-
iv) Transfer to Corpus fund	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-
Total- (i+ii+iii)	-	-	-	-
Net Balance as at the Year End	-	-	-	-

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SCHEDULE - 4,5 & 6 : FORMING PART OF BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2017

	As At 31.03.2017 Rs.	As At 31.03.2016 Rs.
SCHEDULE 4: SECURED LOANS AND BORROWINGS:		
1. Central Government	-	-
2. State Government (Specify)	-	-
3. Financial Institutions	-	-
4. Banks	-	-
5. Other Institutions and Agencies	-	-
6. Debentures and Bonds	-	-
7. Others (Specify)	-	-
Total	-	-
SCHEDULE 5: UNSECURED LOANS AND BORROWINGS		
1. Central Government	-	-
2. State Government (Specify)	-	-
3. Financial Institutions	-	-
4. Banks	-	-
Term Loans	-	-
Other Loan (Specify)	-	-
5. Other Institutions and Agencies	-	-
6. Debentures and Bonds	-	-
7. Fixed Deposits	-	-
8. Gandhi Smriti	-	-
Total	-	-
SCHEDULE 6 - DEFERRED CREDIT LIABILITIES		
a) Acceptances secured by hypothecation of capital equipment and other assets	-	-
b) Others	-	-
Total	-	-

Note : Amounts due within one year

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Place : New Delhi	DIRECTOR	

Date : 03.06.2017

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SCHEDULE -8: FORMING PART OF BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31ST MARCH 2017

FIXED ASSETS	Rate of Dep.	WDV as at 01.04.2016	GROSS BLOCK		Deletion	WDV (Before Dep.) as at 31.03.2017	DEPRECIATION		NET BLOCK			
			Additions before 01.10.2016	after 01.10.2016			on additions after 01.10.2016	During the year 31.03.2017	Total Dep As on 31.03.2017	As at 31.03.2017	As at 31.03.2016	
LAND & BUILDING												
Building	0.10	9,208,263	-	-	-	9,208,263	-	920,826	920,826	8,287,437	9,208,263	
PLANT, MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT												
Sound Equipment	0.15	467,632	38,738	-	-	506,370	-	75,956	75,956	430,414	467,632	
Musical Instruments	0.15	1,191	-	-	-	1,191	-	179	179	1,012	1,191	
Washing Machine	0.15	17,140	-	-	-	17,140	-	2,571	2,571	14,569	17,140	
Tools	0.15	3,548	4,725	12,678	-	20,951	951	1,241	2,192	18,759	3,548	
Binding Machine	0.15	1,198	-	-	-	1,198	-	180	180	1,018	1,198	
Weighing Machine	0.15	3,797	-	-	-	3,797	-	570	570	3,227	3,797	
Refrigrator	0.15	64,097	-	-	-	64,097	-	9,615	9,615	54,482	64,097	
Attendance Machine	0.15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Others	0.15	173,326	2,940	566,600	-	742,866	42,495	26,440	68,935	673,931	173,326	
VEHICLES												
Van Maruti	0.15	46,271	-	-	-	46,271	-	6,941	6,941	39,330	46,271	
Car	0.15	119,364	-	-	-	119,364	-	17,905	17,905	101,459	119,364	
Jeep Sumo	0.15	22,752	-	-	-	22,752	-	3,413	3,413	19,339	22,752	
Bus	0.15	78,970	-	-	-	78,970	-	11,846	11,846	67,124	78,970	
Scooter	0.15	5,465	-	-	-	5,465	-	820	820	4,645	5,465	
FURNITURE & FIXTURE												
Furniture	0.10	6,850,282	97,312	334,824	-	7,282,418	16,741	694,759	711,500	6,570,918	6,850,282	
Steam Bath & SPA	0.10	205,491	-	-	-	205,491	-	20,549	20,549	184,942	205,491	
Steam Bath & SPA	0.10	1,272,449	-	-	-	1,272,449	-	127,245	127,245	1,145,204	1,272,449	
OFFICE EQUIPMENT												
Photo Graphic equipments	0.15	465,115	-	-	-	465,115	-	69,767	69,767	395,348	465,115	
Photo-copier machine	0.15	368,595	-	-	-	368,595	-	55,289	55,289	313,306	368,595	
Telephone Equipment	0.15	15,202	-	20,036	-	35,238	1,503	2,280	3,783	31,455	15,202	
Fax machine	0.15	9,430	-	-	-	9,430	-	1,415	1,415	8,015	9,430	
Mobile	0.15	33,650	-	27,999	-	61,649	2,100	5,048	7,148	54,501	33,650	
Walk man	0.15	2,459	-	-	-	2,459	-	369	369	2,090	2,459	
Micro Oven	0.15	7,752	-	-	-	7,752	-	1,163	1,163	6,589	7,752	
Mixer Grinder	0.15	3,194	-	-	-	3,194	-	479	479	2,715	3,194	
Gyser	0.15	9,214	-	-	-	9,214	-	1,382	1,382	7,832	9,214	
Water Tank	0.15	138,825	-	-	-	138,825	-	20,824	21,709	118,116	138,825	
TV	0.15	20,663	-	11,800	-	32,463	885	3,099	22,671	29,792	20,663	
Water Dispenser	0.15	40,880	-	260,955	-	301,835	19,572	6,132	12,500	295,333	40,880	
Water Cooler	0.15	201,713	-	84,900	-	286,613	6,368	30,257	57,417	229,196	201,713	
Air Conditioner	0.15	1,075,255	198,303	362,136	-	1,635,694	27,160	191,034	191,034	1,444,660	1,075,255	
UPS	0.15	17,307	-	-	-	17,307	-	2,596	2,596	14,711	17,307	

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0.15	1,990	-	-	1,990	-	299	-	299	1,691	1,990
0.15	169,272	39,000	49,500	257,772	3,713	31,241	34,954	222,818	169,272	169,272
0.15	18,207	-	-	18,207	-	2,731	2,731	15,476	18,207	18,207
0.15	8,497	-	-	8,497	-	1,275	1,275	7,222	8,497	8,497
0.15	-	1,450	3,100	4,550	233	218	451	4,099	-	-
COMPUTER										
0.60	47,004	-	328,830	375,834	98,649	28,202	126,851	248,983	47,004	47,004
0.60	3,458	-	31,200	34,658	9,360	2,075	11,435	23,223	3,458	3,458
0.60	1,260	-	-	1,260	-	756	756	504	1,260	1,260
0.60	4,895	-	-	4,895	-	2,937	2,937	1,958	4,895	4,895
0.60	1,773	-	-	1,773	-	1,064	1,064	709	1,773	1,773
ELECTRIC INSTALLATIONS										
0.10	5,369,737	589,562	1,412,864	7,372,163	70,643	595,930	666,573	6,705,590	5,369,737	5,369,737
0.10	1,078,160	-	-	1,078,160	-	107,816	107,816	970,344	1,078,160	1,078,160
OTHER FIXED ASSETS										
-	1,234,373	16,472	-	1,250,845	-	-	-	1,250,845	1,234,373	1,234,373
-	1,119,730	-	-	1,119,730	-	-	-	1,119,730	1,119,730	1,119,730
0.15	22,743	-	-	22,743	-	3,411	3,411	19,332	22,743	22,743
0.15	419,017	-	-	419,017	-	62,853	62,853	356,164	419,017	419,017
0.15	22,200	-	-	22,200	-	3,330	3,330	18,870	22,200	22,200
0.15	3,538	-	-	3,538	-	531	531	3,007	3,538	3,538
0.15	90,131	-	-	90,131	-	13,520	13,520	76,611	90,131	90,131
0.15	104,062	-	-	104,062	-	15,609	15,609	88,453	104,062	104,062
0.15	35,153	-	-	35,153	-	5,273	5,273	29,880	35,153	35,153
0.15	2,602	-	-	2,602	-	390	390	2,212	2,602	2,602
0.15	222	-	-	222	-	33	33	189	222	222
-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	1
0.15	71,019	-	-	71,019	-	10,653	10,653	60,366	71,019	71,019
0.15	46,141	-	-	46,141	-	6,921	6,921	39,220	46,141	46,141
0.15	77,825	-	-	77,825	-	11,674	11,674	66,151	77,825	77,825
0.15	316,153	-	-	316,153	-	47,423	47,423	268,730	316,153	316,153
0.15	383,289	-	-	383,289	-	57,493	57,493	325,796	383,289	383,289
0.15	271,547	-	-	271,547	-	40,732	40,732	230,815	271,547	271,547
0.15	3,257	-	-	3,257	-	489	489	2,768	3,257	3,257
0.15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
INTANGIBLE ASSETS										
0.60	110,778	-	-	110,778	-	66,467	66,467	44,311	110,778	110,778
Total										
	31,988,524	988,502	3,507,422	36,484,448	300,373	3,433,536	3,733,909	32,750,539	31,988,524	31,988,524

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DIRECTORPlace : New Delhi
Date : 03.06.2017

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DESCRIPTION	Rate of Dep.	GROSS BLOCK			DEPRECIATION			NET BLOCK	
		WDV as at 01.04.2016	Additions before 01.10.2016	WDV (Before dep) as at 31.03.2017	on additions after 01.10.2016	During The year 31.03.2017	Total Dep. As at 31.03.2017	As at 31.03.2016	As at 31.03.2017
LAND & BUILDING									
Museum, Auditorium & Library	0.10	62,900	-	62,900	-	6,290	6,290	56,610	62,900
FURNITURE & FIXTURES									
Furniture	0.10	99	-	99	-	10	10	89	99
OTHER FIXED ASSETS									
Photographs	0.15	445	-	445	-	45	45	400	445
Total		63,444	-	63,444	-	6,345	6,345	57,099	63,444

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DESCRIPTION	Rate of Dep.	GROSS BLOCK		WDV (before dep) as at 31.03.2017	On additions after 01.10.2016	DEPRECIATION		NET BLOCK		
		WDV as at 01.04.2016	Additions before 01.10.2016			After 01.10.2016	Deletions	During the year	Total Dep.	As at 31.03.2017
LAND & BUILDING	0.10	734,854	-	-	-	734,854	73,485	73,485	661,369	734,854
Building Development of Low Land	-	36,199	-	-	-	36,199	-	-	36,199	36,199
PLANT, MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT	0.15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tools & Equipment & Sound equipment & Projector	0.15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cyclorama	0.15	1,072	-	-	1,072	161	161	161	911	1,072
Films	0.15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
VEHICLE	0.15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FURNITURE & FIXTURES	0.10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OFFICE EQUIPMENT										
Photographic equipments	0.15	897	-	-	897	135	135	135	762	897
ELECTRIC INSTALLATIONS	0.15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LIBRARY BOOKS	-	24,852	-	-	24,852	-	-	-	24,852	24,852
OTHER FIXED ASSETS										
Display & Exhibits	-	901,803	-	-	901,803	-	-	-	901,803	901,803
Total		1,699,677	-	-	1,699,677	73,781	73,781	73,781	1,625,896	1,699,677
Grand Total		33,751,645	988,502	3,507,422	38,247,569	300,373	3,513,662	3,814,035	34,433,534	33,751,645

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SCHEDULE - 9 & 10 : FORMING PART OF BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2017

	As At	
	31.03.2017	31.03.2016
	Rs.	Rs.
SCHEDULE 9 - INVESTMENTS FROM CORPUS FUND		
1 In Government Securities	-	-
2 Other approved Securities	-	-
3 Shares	-	-
4 Debentures and Bonds	-	-
5 Subsidiaries and Joint Ventures	-	-
6 Other (to be specified)	-	-
Total	-	-

SCHEDULE 10 - INVESTMENTS - OTHERS		
1 In Government Securities	-	-
2 Other approved Securities	-	-
3 Shares	-	-
4 Debentures and Bonds	-	-
5 Subsidiaries and Joint Ventures	-	-
6 Others (to be specified)	-	-
Total	-	-

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SCHEDULE - 11 : FORMING PART OF BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2017

	As At 31.03.2017	As At 31.03.2016
	Rs.	Rs.
SCHEDULE:11: CURRENT ASSETS, LOANS, ADVANCES ETC.		
A. CURRENT ASSETS:		
1 Inventories		
a) Stores and Spares	1,380,432	1,412,212
b) Loose Tools		-
c) Stock-in-trade		-
i) Finished Goods (Books)	2,706,699	2,244,581
ii) Work-in-progress		-
iii) Books on loan		-
iv) Khadi Material	490,484	398,906
2 Sundry Debtors:		-
3 Cash balances in hand (including cheques/drafts and imprest)		-
Postage	8,831	14,823
4 Bank Balances:		
With Scheduled Banks: (Saving Account)	13,874,537	41,550,980
Total- A	18,460,983	45,621,502

	As At	
	31.03.2017	31.03.2016
	Rs.	Rs.
B. LOANS, ADVANCES AND OTHER ASSETS		
1 Loans:		
a) Staff	345,450	611,950
b) Others (specify): Programmes	186,000	51,100
c) Others (specify): General	235,584	31,000
d) LTC Advance	16,317	16,317
2 Advances and other amounts recoverable in cash or in kind or for value to be received		-
(a) On Capital Account : NDMC		-
(b) Prepayments		-
(c) Others		-
(i) Temporary/ Contingent Advances	252,000	111,500
(ii) Security Deposit	401,508	401,508
(iii) Recoverable from CPWD	11,731,372	34,209,633
(iv) Recoverable from Jawahar Bal Vikash.	75,000	75,000
(v) Advance to Deptt of Post		0
(vi) Advance Programme: National Archives of India	12,500,000	
3 Income Accrued		-
a) On Investment from Corpus Fund		-
b) On Investments-others		-
c) On Loans and Advances		-
d) Others (includes income due unrealized)		-
4 Claims receivable		-
Total- B	25,743,231	35,508,008
Total- A + B	44,204,214	81,129,510

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SCHEDULE -12 & 13 : FORMING PART OF BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2017

	Current Year		Previous Year	
	2016-17		2015-16	
	Plan	Non-Plan	Plan	Non-Plan
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
SCHEDULE 12 – EXPENDITURE ON GRANTS, SUBSIDIES ETC.				
a) Grants given to Institutions/Organisations for implementation of the Schemes:	-	-	-	-
b) Subsidies given to Institutions/Organisations	-	-	-	-
c) Expenditure on Seminar, Symposia and Conferences	-	-	-	-
d) Subscription for periodicals of academic nature	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-
Total Grants in aid under Plan & Non-plan				
	-	-	-	-

Note – Name of the Entities, their activities along with the amount of Grants/subsidies are to be disclosed.

	Current Year		Previous Year	
	2016-17		2015-16	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
SCHEDULE 13 – INTEREST, Etc.				
a) on Fixed Loans	-	-	-	-
b) On other Loans (including Bank Charges)	-	-	-	-
c) Others (specify):	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-

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BALANCE SHEET OF GPF / CPF AS AT 31st MARCH 2017

	As At 31.03.2017 Rs.	As At 31.03.2016 Rs.	As At 31.03.2017 Rs.	As At 31.03.2016 Rs.
LIABILITIES			ASSETS	
GPF Accounts :			Bank Balances :	
As per last Account	21,132,822	17,616,502	With Scheduled Banks	2,267,373
- CPF merged	-	278,167	Investment in term Deposits :	
- Subscription towards GPF	4,117,300	4,341,000	As per last Account	18,337,734
- Recovery of Advances	-	152,400	Investment during the year	16,774,886
- Interest credited	1,563,798	1,627,614		18,337,734
	26,813,920	24,015,683	Less : Matured during the year	35,112,620
				17,683,305
Less:-			Accrued Interest :	16,774,886
- Advance paid	-	273,000	As per last Account	1,030,348
- Part Payment	2,070,000	697,000	Add : Accrued during the year	1,014,365
- Final Withdrawal / Payments	3,959,109	1,912,861		2,044,713
	6,029,109	2,882,861	Less : Interest Accrued liquidated	1,030,348
	20,784,811	21,132,822	Amount will be adjusted next year	
- Final Payment towards GPF (Outstanding for Payment)			- Bank Charges	-
Less: Tr. to Int. Account			- Samiti Dr Balance	-
CPF Accounts :			- TDS Recoverable	23,559
A. Subscription part			Less: Recouped by the Samiti	-
As per last Account	500,340	133,000		23,559
- Subscription towards CPF	-	18,827		-
- Interest credited	-	652,167		-
	-	-		-
Less :				23,559
- Withdrawal Payment	-	374,000		-
	-	278,167		-
Less: Merged with GPF	-	278,167		-
	-	-		-
B. Contribution Part				-
As per last Account	-	616,587		-
- Contribution for the year	-	-		-
- Interest credited for the year	-	-		-
	-	616,587		-
Less: refunded to GSDS	-	616,587		-
	-	-		-
- Samiti Cr Balance - Interest	-	55,710		-
	-	-		-
	20,784,811	21,188,532		20,784,811
				21,188,532

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SCHEDULE –26 FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2017**SCHEDULE - 26****SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:****1. ACCOUNTING CONVENTION:**

The Financial Statement has been prepared on the basis of historical cost convention, on **cash system of accounting basis** unless otherwise stated.

2. INVENTORY VALUATION:

- i. Stores and Spares (including machinery Spares) are valued at cost.
- ii. Stocks of books are valued at printed price.
- iii. Stocks of Khadi Material are valued at cost.

3. INVESTMENTS : Nil**4. EXCISE DUTY : Not applicable****5. FIXED ASSETS :**

Fixed Assets are stated at cost of acquisition inclusive of Inward Freight, Duties and Taxes, other Direct Expenses related to Acquisition and Incidental expenses relating to acquisitions, net of depreciation.

6. DEPRECIATION:

- i. Depreciation is provided on written down value as per rates specified under Income Tax Rules, 1962.
- ii. In respect of additions to / deduction from Fixed Assets during the year, depreciation is considered at the rates and basis specified under the Income Tax Rules, 1962.

7. MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURE: (To the extent not written off / adjusted) NIL**8. ACCOUNTING FOR SALES:**

Sale of Books and other misc. items is accounted for on cash basis.

9. GOVERNMENT GRANTS / SUBSIDIES: Government Grants/Subsidies are accounted on realization/ approval basis.**10. FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS: Nil****11. LEASE: Not applicable.****12. RETIREMENT BENEFITS :**

No provision is being made, and Expenditure relating to Retirement benefits is accounted for at the time of payments.

13. REVENUE RECOGNITION / ACCOUNTING FOR GOVT. GRANTS:

The Samiti's main income is by way of Grant-in-Aid, both for Plan and Non-Plan, against which expenditure are incurred as per budgetary allocation sanctioned and/or approved by the Govt. of India on Cash Basis.

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SCHEDULE – 27 : FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2017**SCHEDULE - 27****CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND NOTES ON ACCOUNTS:****1. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES:**

Claims against the Entity not acknowledged as debits – Rs. **NIL** (Previous year Rs. **NIL**)
in respect of :

- Bank guarantees given by / on behalf of the Entity – Rs. **NIL** (Previous year Rs. **NIL**)
- Letters of Credit opened by Bank on behalf of the Entity – Rs. **NIL** (Previous year Rs. **NIL**)
- Bills discounted with banks Rs. **NIL** (Previous year Rs. **NIL**)
- Disputed demands in respect of :
- Income Tax Rs. **NIL** (Previous year Rs. **NIL**)
- Sales Tax Rs. **NIL** (Previous year Rs. **NIL**)
- Municipal Tax Rs. **NIL** (Previous year Rs. **NIL**)
- In respect of claims from parties for non-execution of orders but contested by the Entity - Rs. **NIL** (Previous year Rs. **NIL**)

CAPITAL COMMITMENTS:

Estimated value of contracts remaining to be executed on capital account and not provided for is **NIL** (Previous year Rs. **NIL**).

1. LEASE OBLIGATIONS:

Future obligations for rentals under finance lease arrangements for plant and machinery amount to Rs. **NIL** (Previous year Rs. **NIL**)

2. CURRENT ASSETS, LOANS AND ADVANCES:

- i. In the opinion of the Management, the current assets, loans and advances have a value on realization in the ordinary course of business, equal at least to the aggregate amount shown in the Balance Sheet.
- ii. Bank Account (i.e. Syndicate Bank, Saving A/c No. 31268, and SBI Bank A/c No. 10021675556), for the Receipts & Utilisation of Plan and Non Plan Fund has been maintained. Year end Bank Balance of Plan and Non Plan Fund has been segregated by deducting Payments from Receipts of these Funds.
- iii. During the financial year ending on 31st of March 2017, our organization received a grant from the Government of India, a sum of Rs. 1,25,00,000.00 for the purpose of further releasing this grant to the department of National Archives of India for the commemoration of Champaran Satyagraha. The same amount of Rs. 1,25,00,000.00 has been forwarded to the National Archives Department and it has been treated as an advance upto the date of Utilization Certificate to be received.

3. TAXATION :

In view of there being no taxable income under Income-tax Act 1961, no provision for Income tax has been considered necessary.

4. FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS: Nil**5. Prior Period Transaction Rectified: Nil**

Corresponding figures for the previous year have been regrouped / rearranged, wherever necessary.

8. Schedules 1 to 25 are annexed to and form an integral part of the Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2017 and the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended on that date.

Accountant

Administrative Officer

Director

Place : New Delhi

Date : 03.06.2017