

GANDHI BHAWAN UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

REPORT

28 DECEMBER 2016 – 30 APRIL 2017

1. On 28 December 2016 Dr. Ratna Ghosh, C.M., O.Q., Ph.D., F.R.S.C., Jamer Mc. Gill Professor and W.C. Mc. Donalds Professor of Education, Mc. Gill University, Faculty of Education, Montreal, Canada paid visit to Gandhi Bhawan.



Dr. Ratna Ghosh with Prof. Anita Sharma, Director, Gandhi Bhawan

2. On 3 January 2017, an interactive session on Travelling was organized in which Anil Kumar, Deepak Kumar and Rishwa Mathur presented radio and video clippings on travelling based on their visit to China in December 2016.



Students during presentation on Travelling

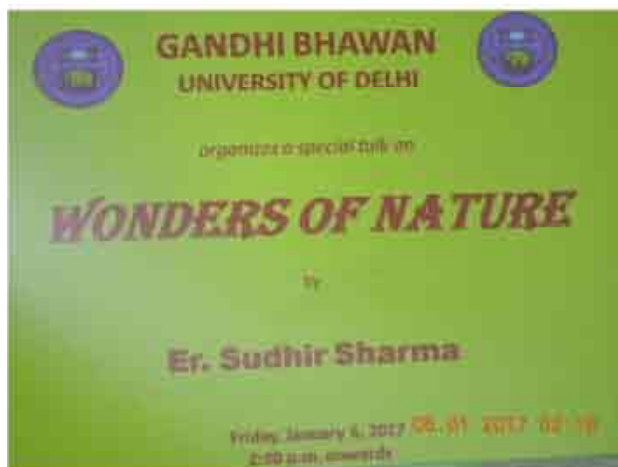
3. On 4 January 2017, a group of U.S. University students visited Gandhi Bhawan to enhance their knowledge about Mahatma Gandhi, Charkha and Khaddi. The visit was initiated by Dr. Mallika Kumar, Associate Professor and Coordinator, International programmes, Shri Ram College of Commerce, University of Delhi.



U.S. Varsity students with Prof. Anita Sharma and learning Charkha

4. On 5 and 6 January 2017, a donation camp of usable clothes and books was set-up at Gandhi Bhawan. Later on, the collected stuff from various sources was sent to Missionaries of Charity, Majnu ka Tila, Delhi – 54 for further distribution to the people in need.

5. On 6 January 2017, a Special Talk on 'Wonders of Nature' by Er. Sudhir Sharma was organized.



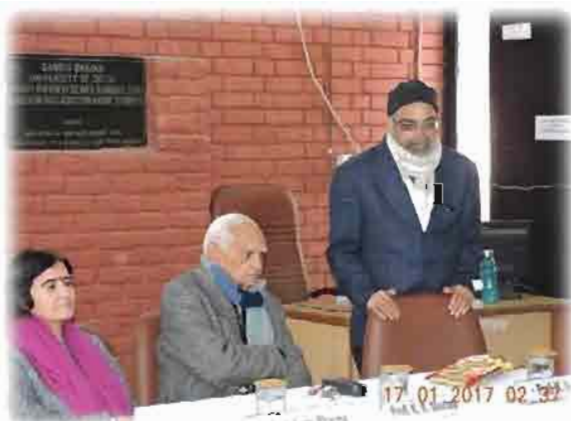
Er. Sudhir Sharma delivering the Special Talk

6. On 12 January 2017, to mark 100 years of Champaran movement, a Special Talk on 'Gandhi, Hind Swaraj and Constructive Programme' by Dr. Ravi P. Bhatia, former member, Managing Committee, Gandhi Bhawan was organized.



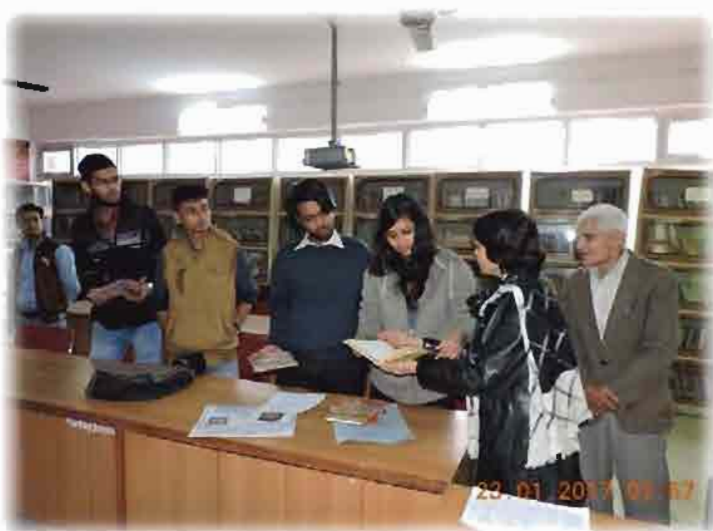
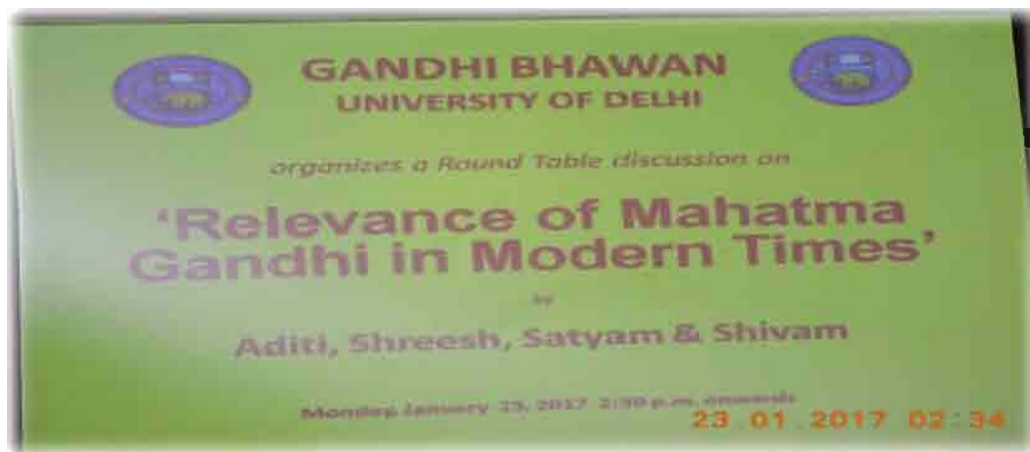
Dr. Ravi P. Bhatia delivering the Special Talk

7. On 17 January 2017, a Special Talk on 'Gandhi – Mahatma Kyon?' by Prof. Kailash Narayan Tiwari, Department of Hindi, University of Delhi was organized.



Prof. Anita Sharma, Prof. K. R. Sharma, Prof. K. N. Tiwari and audience during Talk

8. On 23 January 2017, a Round Table discussion was organized by the participants who visited Wardha, Maharashtra. Through their presentation, they discussed various issues related to their visit among students.



Round Table discussion on 'Relevance of Mahatma Gandhi in Modern Times'

9. On 30 January 2017, Martyrs' Day was commemorated in which sarva dharma prarthana sabha was organized. On this occasion, students of Delhi University Social Center School, Maurice Nagar, CIE Basic Experimental School and Harijan Sevak Sangh, Kingsway Camp, Delhi performed prayer, bhajan to pay homage to Mahatma. A musical tribute to Mahatma was also organized. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Yogesh Tyagi delivered the message of peace to audience.





Observance of Martyrs' Day on 30 January 2017

10. On 1 February 2017, a group of students of Netherland University visited Gandhi Bhawan to know more about Mahatma Gandhi, Charkha and Khaddi. The students also tried their hands at Charkha and Khaddi.



Students participating in Charkha Spinning and Khaddi Prakshalan

11. On 3 February 2017, a group of students from Institute of Gandhian Studies, Wardha, Maharashtra visited Gandhi Bhawan. An interactive session of the visiting students with Delhi University students was organized. The group was accompanied by Dr. Siby K. Joseph, Dean, Institute of Gandhian Studies, Wardha, Maharashtra.



Visitors from IGS, Wardha, Maharashtra

12. On 8th February 2017, a group of students of St. Stephens' College, University of Delhi visited Gandhi Bhawan. Among others, students very enthusiastically participated in Charkha spinning class and Khaddi. A documentary on Mahatma Gandhi was also screened.



Visit by the students of St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi

13. On 16th February 2017, an interactive session on 'Ayurveda Lifestyle' by Dr. Ankurita Gupta, Ayurveda Consultant, was organized. People from different walks of life participated in the programme, discussed and consulted the doctor.



Interactive Session on 'Ayurveda' by Dr. Ankurita Gupta

14. On 21st February 2017, a book reading session on 'Hind Swaraj' was held. Students read and discussed Hind Swaraj, especially one chapter on 'Shiksha – education.'



Book reading session In progress

15. On 22nd February 2017, in collaboration with Non-collegiate Women's Education Board, University of Delhi organized street play and play – *Andher Nagri and Chaupat Raja*. A total of number of six centers (colleges) of NCWEB – Satyawati College, Bharati College, Janki Devi Memorial College, Hansraj College, Sri Guru Gobing Singh College of Commerce and Vivekananda Mahila College participated in it.



Street play and Stage play in progress

16. On 23 February 2017, a workshop on 'Gandhi in his times and ours' was organized. Students shared their views on political, social and personal life of Mahatma Gandhi.



17. On 18 February 2017, a group of students from Gandhi Bhawan visited Rail Museum, New Delhi. During the visit, students were keen to discuss and gain knowledge about the relationship between Mahatma Gandhi and Rail.



18. On 7 March 2017, a workshop on Yoga was organized. Yogacharya Gopal Krishan, founder, Anand Yoga Amrit, New Delhi and Shri Vinay Bharti, faculty, Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY), New Delhi were the resource persons. The students of MDNIY demonstrated yogic kriyas under the guidance of Shri Vinay Bharti. Shri Gopal Krishan on the other hand demonstrated breathing exercises and postures to the audience.



Yoga in day-to-day Life

19. On 10 March 2017, a special talk on 'Chinese perceptions on Mahatma Gandhi: A historical review' by Prof. Huang Yinghong, School of International Relations, Sun Yat-sen, University, Guangzhou, PRC was organized. After the Talk, question and answer session was held.



Special Talk on 'Chinese perceptions on Mahatma Gandhi: A historical review' by Prof. Huang Yinghong

20. On 21 March 2017, a special talk on 'Life profile of Mahatma Gandhi' by Dr. Siyaram Mishra Haldhar, Department of Buddhist Studies, University of Delhi was organized.



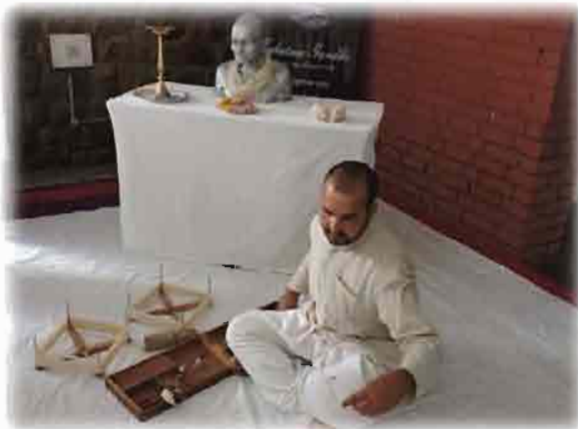
Special Talk 'Life profile of Mahatma Gandhi' by Prof. S. M. Haldhar

21. On 28 March 2017, screening of the documentary 'Mahatma Gandhi: The 20th Century Prophet' by A. K. Chettiar, courtesy: National Gandhi Museum, New Delhi, was organized.



Screening of documentary 'Mahatma Gandhi: The 20th Century Prophet'

22. On 1 April 2017, the H.E. Mr. Wen-je Ko, Mayor of Taipei City along with his delegates visited Gandhi Bhawan. They all were very enthusiastic about Yoga and did practice. The delegates also took interest in Charkha spinning and Khaddi.



H.E. Wen-je Ko, Mayor of Taipei City during his visit at Gandhi Bhawan

23. On 5 April 2017, a Charkha-Kavita path pratiyogita was organized in which students from Delhi University as well as other institutions participated.



Charkha-Kavita Paath Pratiyogita held on 5.4.2017

24. On 10 April 2017, to commemorate the centenary year of Champaran Satyagraha, an Interactive Session on 'Understanding Gandhi' was organized. A presentation was given by Ms. Ananya Nidhi and Ms. Karina Suri, participants, two days Inter-religious course held at Institute of Gandhian Studies, Wardha, Maharashtra. A documentary on Mahatma Gandhi was also screened.



Interactive Session on 'Understanding Gandhi' in progress

25. On 10 April 2017, in continuation of Swachhata Abhiyaan at Delhi University a team of students, staff of Gandhi Bhawan with Prof. Anita Sharma, Director, Gandhi Bhawan took Chhatra Marg and SOL road for cleaning.



Director with the students at Swachhata Abhiyaan

26. On 12 April 2017, a Charkha-Lokgeet Pratiyogita was organized. In this competition, students represented various states including Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Maharashtra, Bihar, Uttarakhand, etc. on theme 'Charkha' and sung lokgeet.



Charkha-Lokgeet Pratiyogita

27. On 18 April 2017, a Sports Event for kids was organized in which wards of University karamcharis and others participated.



Sports event for Kids

28. On 24 April 2017, a Special Talk on 'Gender Issues and the Law' by Mrs. Bulbul Das, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India. During the presentation the lawyer informed about various laws for women safety in India to the audience. The audience later in Question-Answer session discussed in length and asked various questions, in turn the lawyer gave appropriate answers.



Special Talk on 'Gender Issues and the Law' by Mrs. Bulbul Das was organized

Computer Training: Gandhi Bhawan is also imparting training of Computers to various students. The classes are being run everyday in two batches from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and again from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Students are being trained in Hindi and English typing skills.



Computer training in progress

Special Yoga Session: Everyday from 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. a special Yoga class for Library users along with the staff is being held.



Special Yoga Class for library users and staff

Certificate Course in Charkha Spinning and Training: The classes are being held on every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Duration is 24 hours/ three months.

Certificate Course in Khaddi Prakshalan: The classes are being held on every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Duration is 50 hours/ six months.

Legal Aid Clinic: Every Friday from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. This clinic is being run in collaboration with Delhi State Legal Services Authority (DSLISA), Patiala House, New Delhi. A lawyer has been appointed by DSLISA for free consultation.

Yoga & Meditation Classes: Monday – Friday: 6:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Meditation: 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. On Saturday: 6:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Discourse on Gita: Gita Discourse is being held every Sunday from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Swami Shantiswaroopananda ji Maharaj of Ramakrishna Mission, New Delhi is the resource person for this activity.

Gandhi Study Circle: Apart from above-mentioned activities/ programmes, various colleges under the aegis of Gandhi Study Circle have also conducted various action-oriented programmes/ events at their colleges to imbibe Gandhian values among students/ youth. These colleges have been given a part-financial aid amounting to Rs. 10,000/- each by Gandhi Bhawan to conduct the programmes. The following are the colleges who organized programmes/ events on Gandhian values are as under:

- Aditi Mahavidyalaya
- Aryabhatta College
- Ram Lal Anand College
- Zakir Husain Delhi College (Eve.)

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