

Winter School on 'LIFE AND THOUGHT OF GANDHI' (01-15 December 2016)

Concept Note

Over the last three decades the scholastic, intellectual, political and social interests in Gandhiji's life and thought has acquired a new urgency and depth. Gandhiji's writings like *An Autobiography Or The Story of My Experiments with Truth* and *Hind Swaraj* have been subject of minute textual, philosophical and literary studies. The theory and practice of Satyagraha, constructive work and institutions that Gandhiji established have come to be studied by historians, political theorists and commentators and chroniclers of social movements. Lives of Gandhiji's associates and interlocutors like Mahadev Desai, J C Kumarrapa, Mirabehn, C F Andrews and Lanza Del Vasto have added to our understanding of Gandhiji. As a result of these studies our understanding of *Gandhiana* has emerged deeper, richer and nuanced.

The Winter School seeks to acquaint the participant to this variegated intellectual tradition of thinking of and about Gandhiji, aiming simultaneously to suggest future questions of study regarding new dimensions to the human situation that must inevitably grow with time. The School would seek to provide a non-fragmentary understanding of Gandhiji's life and thought, with particular consideration of certain key concepts pertinent to an appreciation of Gandhiji's praxis and legacy. Quite often we have come to look at political Gandhi as quite distinct from the Gandhi of the constructive work or see Gandhiji's spiritual quest as distinct from his quest for Swaraj. The School would try to unravel the underlying relationship between seemingly disparate practices, utterances and writings. This would involve also looking at conversations and historical episodes that both test and assess the operability of his thought.

A Winter School on "Life and Thought of Gandhi" was organized at IAS from 01-15 December 2016. Dr. Gangeya Mukherji, Flat No. C- 404, Block-II, Lotus Apartments, 49/39 Tashkant Marg, Allahabad was the Convener of the School. The welcome address was given by Professor Chetan Singh, Director, IAS. Professor Chandrakala Padia, Chairperson, IAS gave inaugural address. Dr. Gangeya Mukherji, Convener of the school gave introductory remarks.

PARTICIPANTS

- Professor Tridip Suhrud, Preservation & Memorial Trust & Chief Editor, Gandhi Heritage Portal, Gandhi Ashram, Sabarmati, Ashram Road, Ahmedabad
- Professor Gopal Guru, Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi • Professor Sudhir Chandra, Delhi
- Dr. Samir Banerjee, Fellow, IAS, Shimla
- Professor Bhagvan Josh, Centre for Historical Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.
- Dr. Sashi Joshi, 511, Ayaachi Apartments, Sector 45, Gurugram , Harayana
- Dr. Anuradha Veeravalli, Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi

- Dr. Gangeya Mukherji, Flat No. C- 404, Block-II, Lotus Apartments, 49/39 Tashkant Marg, Allahabad
- Professor Anand Kumar, Fellow, IIAS, Shimla • Professor Kundan Lal Tuteja, # 884, Sector-5, Urban Estate, Kurukshetra
- Dr. Ajay Kumar, M.I.G.-91, Sector-C, P.D. Nagar, Unnao, (U.P.)
- Mr. Abdul Raof Mir, Jhelum Hostel, Room 360, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- Dr. Arun S. Wahul, Department of History, Vivekanand Arts, Sardar Dalipsingh, Commerce & Science College, Samarthnagar, Aurangabad, Maharashtra
- Dr. Mithilesh Kumar, MGFG Centre for Social Work, Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi University, Wardha (A Central University) Maharashtra
- Mr. Rohan Hassan, Department of English, Aliah University, Kolkata
- Ms. Ashmeet Kaur, E-94, Lajpat Nagar, Part One, New Delhi
- Dr. Chitra Upadhyaya, A1-009- Century Commander Vista, Behind prestige Monte Carlo, Yelhanka Bangalore, Karnatka
- Ms. Anvita Bhuvan Mishra, A 403, Eldeco City, IIM Road, Lucknow
- Mr. Biplove Kumar, Department of History, Sikkim University, Tadong, Gangtok, Sikkim
- Mr. Atul Kumar Mishra, Gorakh Pandey Hostel, Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalay, Wardha Maharashtra
- Mr. Thakur Prem Kumar, Saramohanpur, Gangwara. Darbhanga. Bihar
- Ms. Neetanjali Khari , 5484/5 New Chandrawal, Near Kamla Nagar, New Delhi
- Ms. Nishtha Saxena, F-27, Sector 25, Panjab University Residential Complex, Panjab University, Chandigarh
- Ms. Tripta Sharma, 69, Paschim Vihar Extension, Rohtak Road, Opposite Ordinance Depot, New Delhi
- Mr. Pawan Kumar, Centre for Studies and Research in Gandhian Thought and Peace, Central University of Gujarat Gandhinagar
- Mr. Pavan Kumar, International Politics Division, Centre for International Politics, Organization and Disarmament, School of International Studies Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- Mr. Praveen Dhanda, # 69, Paschim Vihar Extension, Rohtak Road, Opposite Ordinance Depot, New Delhi
- Mr. Sachin Kumar, Village Jola, PO. Padhiun, district Mandi, Himachal Pradesh
- Mr. Somak Biswas, Flat 9B/1, Ekta Oleanders, 16 Radhanath Chowdhury Road, Kolkata Mr. Vikash Kumar Mishra, G B Pant Social Science Institute, Allahabad
- Mr. Vikash Kumar Mishra, G B Pant Social Science Institute, Allahabad

- Mr. Subhash Debnath, Vill. Vidyasagar Palli, D-Block, P.O- I.C. Nagar, P.S-Amtali, Tripura, West
- Mr. Rajeev Kumar, A31/32, Room No. 04, Metro Hostel, Christian colony, Patel Chest, New Delhi