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Message from Vice Chairman

Empowering Change: A Journey of Progress and Transformation at Gandhi Smriti and Gandhi Darshan

Change is the constant force shaping our world, and it is the duty of progressive individuals to drive meaningful and positive developments. As Mahatma Gandhi had rightly stated – “Be the change you want to see in the world.” In alignment with this ethos, our esteemed Prime Minister and Chairman of the Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, Hon'ble Shri Narendra Modi, have consistently spearheaded innovative programmes and schemes that have left a lasting impact on our nation taking India in the global arena.

The Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, initiated by Hon'ble Shri Narendra Modi, stands as a testament to the power of transformative change, becoming a national resolve for India. His commitment to initiatives like women empowerment, self-reliance, and skill development has significantly altered the condition and trajectory of our nation.

In my role as Vice-Chairman, I have also implemented various changes within the Samiti, aimed to take forward the ideals of Gandhi Darshan and Gandhi Smriti to a wider audience. A notable addition in this direction is the 'Gandhi Vatika', a beautiful park at the entrance of Gandhi Darshan, near Rajghat, which was inaugurated by the hon'ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu. Adorned with statues of Gandhiji engaged in activities such as spinning yarn and riding a bicycle, this park serves as a source of inspiration. Additionally, the park features famous quotes from Gandhiji, offering visitors an opportunity for reflection. We organized the Gandhi Summer School and visited different slum areas in order to involve children from the slums, to give them a chance to participate in different activities for ten (10) days. We arranged for buses for bringing them daily to Gandhi Darshan. At the end of the summer camp, the children had the privilege of meeting Hon'ble President Smt. Droupadi Murmu at the Rashtrapati Bhavan. Witnessing the joy on the faces of these children during their first meeting with the President was truly heartwarming.

To further engage and educate the youth, we have introduced regular Gandhi Quiz at both the Gandhi Smriti and Gandhi Darshan complex. The Gandhi Quiz aims to impart knowledge about the life values of Gandhiji and foster a connection with his thoughts among children and youth. Winners are rewarded with books, and it is encouraging to witness the growing interest in these quizzes. In our ongoing series of programmes, we are actively working to connect people from all walks of life, especially the youth. Through initiatives like 'Sarv Dharma Samabhav Tiranga Yatra,' 'Run for a Healthy India,' 'Run for Women Power,' 'G20 Youth Run,' and 'Yuva Slum Daud,' we aim to bring people together across religions, fostering an understanding of Mahatma Gandhi's teachings on truth, non-violence, service, and dedication.

Together, let us continue to champion the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi and strive for a better, more inclusive future.

Vijay Goel
Vice Chairman,
Chairman, Executive Committee

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 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:

1. Visual Aspects to perpetuate the memory of Mahatma Gandhi and the noble ideals they represented,
2. Educative Aspects to focus concentrated attention on certain values of life that made Gandhi a Mahatma and
3. 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 view of the Gandhi Smriti campus and entrance to Mahatma Gandhi's room.

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 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 Sri 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.'

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.

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.

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The Martyr's Column, the site of Mahatma Gandhi's Martyrdom in Gandhi Smriti, facing the Prayer Ground.

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Mahatma Gandhi's Room in Gandhi Smriti where Gandhiji spent the last 144 days of his life.

Digital installations depicting the history of freedom struggle under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi has been set up in the museum as a tribute to the 150th birth anniversary celebrations of Mahatma Gandhi. One of the interactive installations lead the visitors to witness artistes from their countries (across the globe) singing Vaishnava Jana Tau, which the Government of India and the Ministry of External Affairs had undertaken with the inspiration of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi to have singers from over 124 countries of the world sing the hymn in Hindi.

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 where portraits drawn by famous artistes on Mahatma Gandhi from his life – which have been received from the National Gallery of Modern Art – have been depicted. This section has also an auditorium with facilities to screen films on Mahatma Gandhi where visitors engage themselves with the Holographic Gandhi. These initiatives have been taken with the Department of Science and Technology. Further photographic panels depicting the last 48 hours of Gandhiji's life adorn the walls of this section.



Shri Vijay Goel, Hon'ble Vice Chairman GSDS paying tribute at the statue of Mahatma Gandhi in Gandhi Smriti.

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'.

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.

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 view of the Gandhi Digital Gallery in Gandhi Smriti.

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 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 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 Bapuji 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.

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, mime and music, Srijan – the Gandhi Smriti Educational 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.

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 Bapu, 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.

There are two exhibitions – which were established in 1969 – today 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.



The Army Jeep that carried Mahatma Gandhi's mortal remains is exhibited at Gandhi Darshan, 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 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. As part of the G-20 celebrations, Hon'ble President Smt. Droupadi Murmu on September 4, 2024 unveiled a 12-foot statue of Mahatma

Gandhi at Gandhi Darshan Rajghat. She also inaugurated the Gandhi Vatika where statues of Mahatma Gandhi in different poses have been installed. These include:

1. *Gandhiji spinning the Charkha*
2. *Gandhiji sitting on the Bench with the Statue;*
3. *Gandhiji riding a bicycle*
4. *Gandhiji with two children,*
5. *Gandhiji in meditative pose*
6. *The three monkeys of Gandhiji*

On January 6, 2025, Hon'ble Speaker Lok Sabha Shri Om Birla, inaugurated the Gandhi Darshan Art Gallery. The Art Gallery has hence become an avenue for both professional and budding artists to showcase their work. Further on September 11, 2024, Hon'ble Union Culture and Tourism Minister Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat inaugurated a rail coach dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi's rail journeys at Gandhi Darshan in Rajghat depicting Gandhiji's deep connection with Railways. In 1893, he was pushed out of the train in South Africa because he was black. After that he took a pledge that he would oppose apartheid and other evil practices. In this way, rail also became a medium in becoming Gandhiji from Barrister Mohandas.

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:*
 - a) *Gandhiji's house at Porbandar in Gujarat*
 - b) *Sabarmati Ashram*
 - c) *Yervada Jail*

The pavilion on Freedom Struggle comprises of beautiful clay models on different aspects of the freedom movement.

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



Gandhi Darshan Museum exhibition on “My Life is My Message” houses the largest photographic exhibition on Mahatma Gandhi.



The boat used by Mahatma Gandhi during the historic Salt Satyagraha (Dandi March) of 1930 to cross the Mahi River.

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.

In addition, as part of the celebrations to mark the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, an interactive digital exhibition on Mahatma Gandhi showcasing his life, his struggle, his visions, and the journey of his transcendence from Mohandas to 'Mahatma' having 'Smart Interface for Multiuser Engagement' and a 360° Video-Immersive Experience in a Circular Dome were inaugurated in Gandhi Darshan Rajghat on November 6, 2020 by honourable Minister of Science and Technology and Health and Family Welfare Dr. Harshvardhan, along with honourable Minister of State for Culture (Independent Charge) and Vice Chairperson Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, Shri Prahlad Singh Patel.

Infrastructural Facilities:

Facilities available at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat

- 1) ***A library and documentation centre with over 12000 books by and on Gandhi, and related subjects.***
- 2) ***Comprehensive walk-in exhibition entitled ‘My Life Is My Message’***
- 3) ***Conference, seminar and lecture halls with all facilities***

- 4) International Hostel for scholars-in-residence
- 5) Permanent photographs and books related to Mahatma Gandhi.
- 6) Dormitories with facilities to accommodate 100 persons)
- 7) Publications Division: Apart from books, it publishes a Journal and a News Magazine
- 8) Photo unit
- 9) Camping facility for major national and international meets
- 10) Open space for contact programmes



The newly established Gandhi Darshan Art Gallery has become a centre of attraction for both professional and budding artists who can showcase their work of art.

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 the entire foregoing mandate and to cooperate and seek cooperation from other institutions for the aforesaid purposes.



STRUCTURE OF THE SAMITI – 2024-2025

GOVERNING BODY

Chairman

The Hon'ble Prime Minister

Vice-Chairperson

Shri Vijay Goel, Former Union Minister

Members

Minister In-charge, Ministry of Culture

The Lieutenant Governor of Delhi

Mayor of Delhi

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

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Ms. Mahadev Kulkarni

Shri Raj Bahadur Sharma

Shri Mahadev R Desai

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Chairperson

Shri Vijay Goel

Members Executive Body

Shri Banwari

Shri Mahesh Chand Sharma

Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Navaneetha Krishnan

Shri Bindeshwar Pathak (Expired on August 15, 2023)

Smt. Amita P. Sarbhai, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture

Member Secretary

Ms. Amita P. Sarbhai

Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture,

Government of India

Director

Dr. Jwala Prasad (till January 2025)

Ms. Pallavi Prashant Holkar (till April 2025) (Director (i/c)

Mr. Sanjeet Kumar, Director (i/c)

TRIBUTES TO MAHATMA GANDHI IN GANDHI SMRITI

- * Vice President of India Shri Jagdeep Dhankar pays tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on October 2, 2024
- * Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi pays tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on January 30, 2025

Vice President Shri Jagdeep Dhankar pays tribute on Gandhi Jayanti October 2, 2024

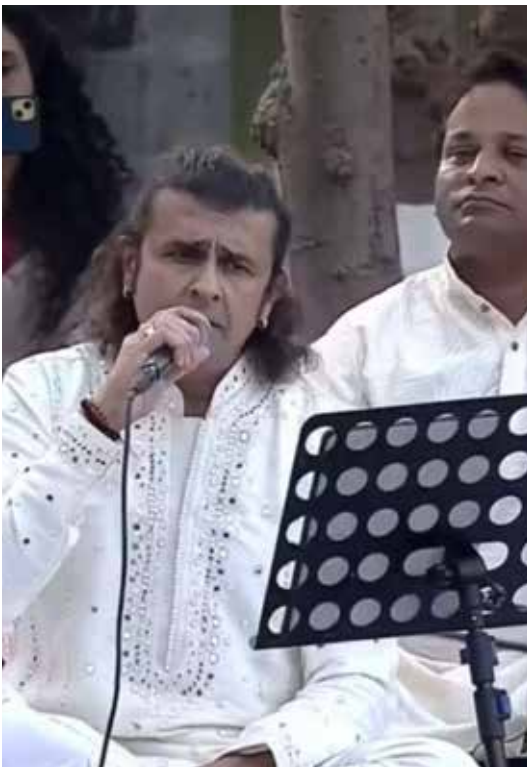
Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri Jagdeep Dhankar paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi in Gandhi Smriti, the site of Mahatma Gandhi's Martyrdom on the occasion of Gandhiji's 155th birth anniversary on October 2, 2024. A Sarva Dharma (inter-faith) prayer meeting was organised on this occasion. Vice Chairman GSDS Shri Vijay Goel also offered his tributes to Mahatma Gandhi.

Diplomats, representatives from various Embassies and High Commissions in India, Gandhian workers, including many other dignitaries were present on this occasion.

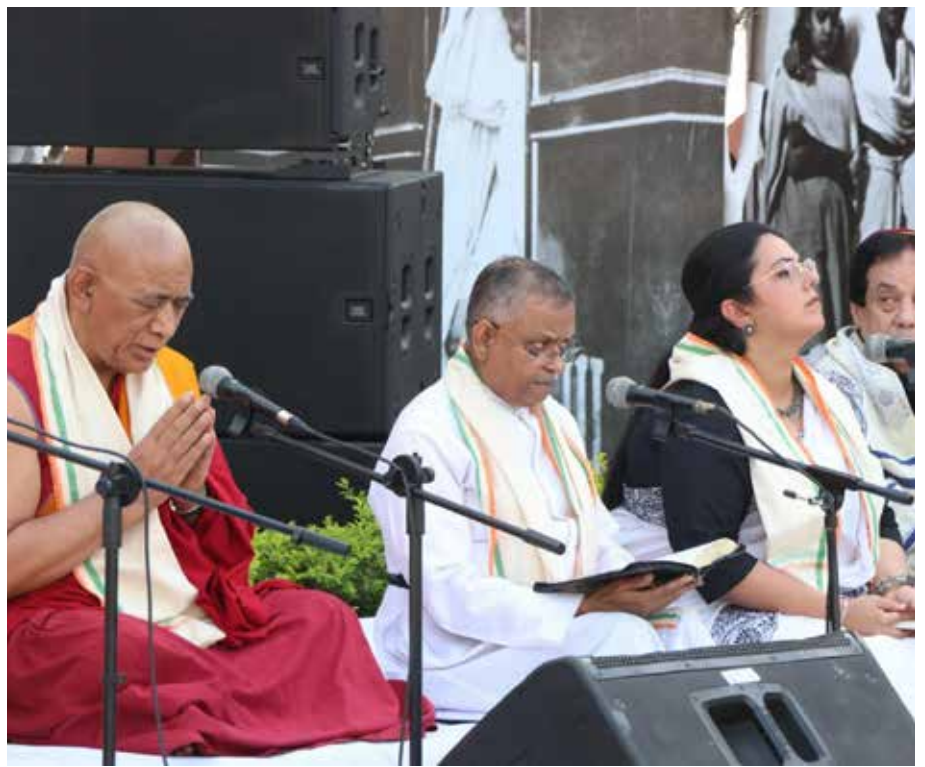


Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri Jagdeep Dhankar offers tribute to Mahatma Gandhi.

The commemorative programme began with a musical tribute to the Father of the Nation by hundreds of children representing 37 institutions of Delhi and NCR. Religious leaders representing different faiths offered prayers on this occasion. Another highlight of the programme was Bhakti Sangeet rendition by renowned singer, Padma Shri Sonu Nigam who enthralled the gathering with bhajans like Ram Dhun, Sukh Ke Sab Saathi, Achyutam Keshavam, singing Mira and Gandhiji's favourite bhajan Vaishnavajana Tau.



Padma Shri Sonu Nigam presented Bhakti Sangeet.



Religious leaders at the inter-faith prayer as a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi pays tribute on Martyr's Day
January 30, 2025



Hon'ble Vice President Shri Jagdeep Dhankar, Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, VC GSDS Shri Vijay Goel and other distinguished guests, at the evening prayer meet.



Hon'ble Speaker of Lok Sabha, Shri Om Birla offering tribute to Mahatma Gandhi.



Hon'ble Vice Chairman GSDS, Shri Vijay Goel offers tribute to Mahatma Gandhi.

On the occasion of the 77th Martyrdom Day of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, an interfaith prayer meeting was organized at Gandhi Smriti on January 30, 2025. Hon'ble Vice President Shri Jagdeep Dhankar, Hon'ble Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla, Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Vice Chairman of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, Shri Vijay Goel, Union Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya,

and several other distinguished personalities paid floral tributes to Bapu at the Martyr's Column. Thousands of people from different walks of life participated in the evening prayer. Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Shri Arunish Chawla, Joint Secretary, Culture, Smt. Amita Prasad Sarbhai, Vice Admiral A N Pramod, Director General Naval Operations, former Governor of Sikkim, Dr. B P Singh, senior Gandhian Dr. Y P Anand, danseuse Dr. Sharon Lowen were amongst others present on the occasion. Ambassadors and High Commissioners from different missions in Delhi and other officials also attended the evening prayer meet. Director GSDS Dr. Jwala Prasad was also present on this occasion and offered tributes to Gandhiji.

On this occasion, around 300 students from 50 schools across Delhi, Meerut, Faridabad and Ghaziabad paid a musical tribute to Mahatma Gandhi. Religious leaders from various faiths led the interfaith prayer meeting.



Hon'ble VC GSDS Shri Vijay Goel presents a Gandhi Charkha to Bhakti Sangeet artist Vidhushi Smt. Kaushiki Chakraborty.



Enthusiastic children taking part in the musical tribute to Mahatma Gandhi.

Renowned singer Smt. Kaushiki Chakraborty presented devotional music, creating a serene and reflective atmosphere, leaving behind a sense of utmost peace and introspection.

The programme concluded with a two-minute silence in homage to Mahatma Gandhi. Dr. Jwala Prasad, Director GSDS and several other dignitaries were also present on this occasion.

Earlier during the day, Leader of Opposition Lok Sabha, Shri Rahul Gandhi along with Leader of Opposition, Rajya Sabha Shri Mallikarjun Kharge offered tributes to Mahatma Gandhi in Gandhi Smriti. Shri Vijay Goel, Vice Chairman GSDS received them on this occasion.



Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi meets enthusiastic children from over 36 schools who gave a musical tribute to Mahatma Gandhi during the commemorative programme.

SIGNIFICANT INITIATIVES

- * Railway Coach dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi inaugurated by Union Culture Minister Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat
- * Exhibition by Embassy of Colombia in Gandhi Smriti Art Gallery
- * Samvdhan Samman Yatra on 76th Constitution Day
- * President of Sri Lanka Shri Anura Kumara Dissanayke plants tree at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat
- * Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla inaugurates Gandhi Darshan Art Gallery

Union Culture and Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat unveiled Rail Coach at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat September 11, 2024

Hon'ble Union Culture and Tourism Minister Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat inaugurated a rail coach dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi's rail journeys at Gandhi Darshan in Rajghat on September 11, 2024. The inaugural ceremony organized by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, depicts Gandhiji's rail journeys which have been presented in an attractive way in this rail coach. The ceremony was presided over by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti's Vice Chairman and former Union Minister Shri Vijay Goel. Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat also unveiled a plaque. He also planted a sapling, dedicated to the Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam abhiyaan.

Paying tribute to Gandhiji on this occasion, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat said that Gandhiji's thoughts are relevant even today. Today, war has broken out in Russia-Ukraine and Gaza-Israel. In such a time, peace can be established in the world only by using Gandhiji's philosophy of non-violence. He said that Gandhiji always used to travel in third class and connect directly with the common people. Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti made this rail coach for his rail journeys. The Samiti deserves congratulations for that.

Shri Shekhawat said that Gandhi transformed the freedom movement into a mass movement. His memories will become a source of inspiration and energy for future India. He said that the Hon'ble Prime



Hon'ble Minister of Culture and Tourism Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat inaugurates the Railway Coach in Gandhi Darshan Rajghat. Joining him are Vice Chairman GSDS Shri Vijay Goel and Director GSDS Dr. Jwala Prasad.

Minister took inspiration from Gandhiji and launched a cleanliness campaign across the country. We made the country free from open defecation by building a record 11 crore toilets. This was Gandhiji's dream, which Modiji realized.



Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Minister of Culture is seen addressing a distinguished gathering at the inaugural programme.

Addressing the dignitaries present, Shri Vijay Goel said that Gandhiji has a deep connection with train journeys. In 1893, he was pushed out of the train in South Africa because he was black. After that he took a pledge that he would oppose apartheid and other evil practices. In this way, rail also became a medium in becoming Gandhiji from Barrister Mohandas.

Diplomats and representatives from many countries including Peru, South Africa, Mauritius, Colombia, Seychelles, Sri Lanka, Madagascar, Slovakia, Netherlands, British Council, Sudan, Indonesia, Lesotho, South Africa and others were also present in the ceremony. On this occasion, many dignitaries including committee members Rajkumar Sharma, Dharamveer Sharma, Satpal Bhatia, Jyoti Arora, representatives from the Gandhian organizations were also present.

The railway coach at Gandhi Darshan is enriched with sculptures depicting Gandhi's travels and interactions with fellow travellers, providing visitors with an immersive experience that brings alive Mahatma Gandhi's rail journeys

"Weaving Life to Weave Peace" Exhibition Hosted at Gandhi Smriti October 4, 2024

On October 4, 2024, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, in collaboration with the Embassy of Colombia in India, hosted the Tejidos Chakana exhibition titled

Shri Vijay Goel upholds Democracy through Samvidhan Samman Yatra

November 25, 2024

Former Union Minister and Vice Chairman Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, Sh. Vijay Goel, led a grand Samvidhan Samman Yatra on the eve of the 76th Constitution Day on November 25, 2024 from the historic Red Fort, before culminating at Fatehpuri Masjid. Hundreds of people participated in this yatra raising slogans on justice, equality and protecting the Constitution.



After paying floral tributes to the Constitution of India, Shri Vijay Goel, Hon'ble VC GSDS along with hundreds of participants led the Samvidha Samman Yatra from Red Fort to Fatehpuri Masjid with children's band.

The highlight of the Yatra was an 8-foot replica of the Constitution, which was placed on a grand horse-drawn carriage. Goel also paid respect to the Constitution during this event by offering flowers. Large number of people joined him.



HE Mr. Victor Echeverri, Colombian Ambassador in India along with Artist Mateo Perea Bernal, presents the 1,400,000 stone beads portrait of Mahatma Gandhi to Gandhi Smriti, received by Dr. Saurav Kr. Rai, Research Officer GSDS.

“Weaving Life to Weave Peace” as a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi. Artistes Mateo Perea Bernal, a professional historian and artisan from Colombia along with Ms. Nancy Gomez was present on the occasion to showcase their work. The inaugural ceremony also saw the presence of ambassadors, members of the diplomatic corps from various nations, and art enthusiasts. Mr. Juan Carlos Rojas Arango, Minister Counselor of the Embassy of Colombia in India, First Secretary, Ms Angelica, Mr. Rajdeep Pathak, Programme Executive, GSDS also joined the inaugural ceremony.

His Excellency Mr. Victor Echeverri, Ambassador of Colombia to India, along with Dr. Saurav Kr. Rai, Research Officer at GSDS, unveiled a unique portrait of Mahatma Gandhi. This extraordinary artwork, crafted using nearly 1,400,000 stone beads, also features the national flags of both Colombia and India. Ambassador Echeverri graciously donated the portrait to Gandhi Smriti for the Gandhi Smriti Gallery.

The Tejidos Chakana exhibition is titled “Urdiendo la Vida para tejer la Paz” (Weaving Life to Weave Peace) and features more than 20 pieces made between 2021 and 2024, made of beadwork, approximately letter size, depicting portraits of civilians murdered in the context of the armed conflict.

Hon'ble President of Sri Lanka Pays Tribute to 12ft Mahatma Gandhi statue at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat December 16, 2024

In a solemn yet grand occasion, the Hon'ble President of Sri Lanka, H.E. Anura Kumara Dissanayake, paid tribute to the towering 12-foot statue of Mahatma Gandhi at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat. The President's visit symbolized the enduring values of peace, non-violence, and universal brotherhood that Mahatma Gandhi stood for, transcending borders and inspiring nations across the globe. President Anura Kumara Dissanayake was on a three-day official visit to India.



Shri Anura Kumara Dissanayake, Hon'ble President of Sri Lanka offered floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at Gandhi Darshan Rajghat during his arrival to India and also planted a tree on this occasion.

Shri Anura Kumara Dissanayake was warmly received and welcomed by the Director of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (GSDS), Dr. Jwala Prasad. Administrative Officer Mr. Sanjeet Kumar was also present on this auspicious occasion.

As a gesture of commitment to environmental protection and sustainable ecological conservation, the Hon'ble President planted a tree at the Gandhi Darshan premises. This act served as a powerful message highlighting the need for collective action to safeguard the environment for future generations.

Shri Om Birla Inaugurates New Gandhi Darshan Art Gallery January 6, 2025

Hon'ble Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla inaugurated the newly developed 'Gandhi Darshan Art Gallery' at the sprawling 36-acre Gandhi Darshan

premises at Rajghat on January 6, 2025. Almost 100 artists from across India took part in this inaugural programme. Renowned sculptor Padma Bhushan Shri Ram Sutar was the special guest on this occasion.



Hon'ble Speaker of Lok Sabha, Shri Om Birla inaugurates the "Gandhi Darshan Art Gallery", as Shri Vijay Goel, Vice Chairman GSDS joins him on his grand occasion.

Shri Vijay Goel, former union minister and Vice Chairman Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti presided over the programme. Renowned artists, Shri Vijendra Sharma, Shri Dharmendra Rathore, Shri Krishnendu Porel, Shri Jatin Das, Shri Shovin Bhattacharjee were among others who graced the occasion. Dr Jwala Prasad, Director GSDS welcomed the gathering.

Addressing a distinguished gathering of artists, sculptors on this occasion, Shri Om Birla commended Gandhi Darshan's initiative in providing a platform for artistic expression. He also highlighted Mahatma Gandhi's pivotal role in India's freedom struggle, emphasizing how his principles have inspired nonviolent movements globally.

Shri Om Birla further emphasized, that the thought process and reflection (chintan and soch-vichar) of artists are deeply significant, as they shape their creations and contribute to the cultural and intellectual fabric of society and called upon the youth for their active role in Viksit Bharat.



On the Dais (From L to R): Shri Vijay Goel, Shri Om Birla, Padmashri Ram Sutar and Dr. Jwala Prasad at the inaugural function. The distinguished gathering is seen viewing the exhibition of artists at the Art Gallery.

In his address, Shri Vijay Goel, reiterated the need for such a gallery in Delhi due to the shortage of accessible spaces for artists to showcase their work. Goel also stressed that the Gandhi Darshan Art Gallery in days to come will become a significant cultural landmark in Delhi, celebrating the rich heritage of art and creativity both for professionals as well as budding artists.

Shri Goel remarked that “This initiative will serve as a hub for artists, offering them a space to not only exhibit their art but also connect with audiences and other creators and thereby increase footfalls in the Gandhi Darshan complex which also houses four Museums on Mahatma Gandhi’s life.

SPECIAL PROGRAMMES

- * Gandhi Cafe inaugurated at Gandhi Smriti
- * Mahatma Gandhi Digital Centre inaugurated at Gandhi Smriti
- * 10th International Yoga Day celebrated
- * Peace and Harmony Through Music by U.S. musical choir
- * Slum Children celebrate Rakhi in Gandhi Darshan
- * Sadbhavna Peace Club inaugurated at KIIT World School
- * Gandhi Peace Club launched at Vidya Bharati School
- * Course of Nonviolent Communication at KMC College
- * Regular Prarthana Sabha in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat
- * Charkha 2.0 Festival at Delhi University
- * Indian art and culture depicted at Purvanchal Festival

Gandhi Cafe inaugurated at Gandhi Smriti

May 10, 2024



In a grand programme in Gandhi Smriti on the occasion of Akshay Tritiya on May 10, 2024, Dr. Mahesh Chand Sharma, Member Executive Committee GSDS inaugurated the Gandhi Café. Present on this occasion was Hon'ble Vice Chairman GSDS, Shri Vijay Goel, Member Programme Committee Shri Rajkumar Sharma, Social worker Shri Satpal Bhatia and Director GSDS, Dr. Jwala Prasad who later visited the café. Hundreds of school children took part in this inaugural programme. The restaurant has been started keeping in mind the needs of the tourists.

Mahatma Gandhi Digital Centre inaugurated in Gandhi Smriti by Shri Vijay Goel

June 6, 2024



From (R to L): Shri Vijay Goel, Shri Banwari, Shri Mahesh Sharma and Smt. Amita Prasad Sarbhay at the inauguration of the 'Mahatma Gandhi Digital Centre'.

Hon'ble Shri Vijay Goel inaugurated the newly developed "Mahatma Gandhi Digital Centre" in Gandhi Smriti on June 6, 2024. The hon'ble Members of the Executive Committee of GSDS, Shri Mahesh Chand Sharma, Shri Banwari, Smt. Amita Sarbhay, JS MoC and MS GSDS were present on this occasion. Director GSDS, Dr. Jwala Prasad was also at this inaugural ceremony. The technical expertise in this centre featuring attractive displays on the life, philosophy and history of Mahatma Gandhi has been provided by Bootes Inmex.



Shri Pankaj Sharma, explaining to Shri Vijay Goel, Shri Banwari, Shri Mahesh Sharma and Smt. Amita P. Sarbhay, the digital exhibits, at the 'Mahatma Gandhi Digital Centre' Gandhi Smriti.

10th International Yoga Day celebrated with enthusiasm at Gandhi Darshan

June 21, 2024



From (R to L): Shri Vijay Goel, Shri Banwari, Shri Mahesh Sharma and Smt. Amita Prasad Sarbhay at the inauguration of the 'Mahatma Gandhi Digital Centre'.

The 10th International Yoga Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Gandhi Darshan Rajghat by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti. Shri Sunil Kumar, Hon'ble Member of Parliament from Valmiki Nagar, West Champaran, Bihar was the Chief Guest on this occasion. The function was presided over by Dr. Jwala Prasad, Director Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti.

More than 600 school children, their parents, teachers, and staff members performed yoga on this occasion.

Dr. Mukesh Dwivedi and his team from All India Institute of Ayurveda demonstrated the physical and mental benefits of yoga practice to the participants through a series of yoga asanas. The Chief Guest, Shri Sunil Kumar took part in the yoga asanas.

In his address on the occasion, Shri Sunil Kumar said that yoga is the identity of Indian culture. On the initiative of the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, Yoga Day is being celebrated in 172 countries of the world today. It is a matter of pride for India.

As part of World Music Day, also celebrated on June 21, an extravaganza of musical performances enthralled the audience. Artistes from “Mystic Swara” and “Manzil Mystics” presented different songs of patriotism, Kabir, and hope.

Many dignitaries including Sulabh International Social Welfare Organisation’s Senior Vice President Abha Kumar, GSDS’ Program Committee Member



Yoga Session as part of Yoga Day 2024 and cultural presentations by Mystic Swarna choir.

Mr. Prabhat Kumar, along with Mr. Lakshya Chhabria, Programme Officer Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu were present at the function. Sulabh International Social Service Organization and Amul India collaborated with the Samiti as Yoga Event Partners on this occasion.

Peace and Harmony through Music August 6, 2024

On August 6, 2024, 70 children from a choir in Philadelphia, New Jersey, United States of America, visited Gandhi Smriti to offer tributes at the Martyr’s Column. This visit was part of a larger initiative, emphasizing the power of music in promoting peace, harmony, and patriotism across borders. The initiative underscored the belief that music, with its emotional and unifying power, can be a force for good in a world often divided by differences.

Joining the American choir was an Indian musical choir group from ‘Nalanda Way Foundation’, an organization known for using art and music as tools for social change. The collaboration between these two groups highlighted the universal language of music, transcending cultural and geographical boundaries. The combined performances of choirs, singing songs of patriotism, peace, and harmony, symbolized a shared commitment to promoting global peace and understanding.



Children from the choir in Philadelphia are seen performing in Gandhi Smriti as a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi.

Slum Children celebrate Rakhi in Gandhi Darshan August 17, 2024

Approximately 70 children from the slums of Sarai Kale Khan were warmly welcomed to Gandhi Smriti and Gandhi Darshan on August 17, 2024, where they participated in a heartwarming Rakhi celebration with the officials of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti

(GSDS). These Rakhis, crafted by the children themselves, symbolized the bond of love and care, reflecting the spirit of unity and respect. The visit was part of an educational and cultural initiative aimed at instilling Gandhian values among the underprivileged youth.

During the workshop, Mr. Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer at GSDS, emphasized the importance of respecting all individuals, regardless of their backgrounds. Mr. Shakeel Khan, conducted an insightful session on ‘anger management,’ teaching the children practical techniques to manage their emotions and resolve conflicts peacefully.

The children, part of the Navjagriti Collective and Fun School, actively participated in these discussions, gaining valuable life lessons rooted in Gandhian philosophy.



Slum children tie rakhi to Shri Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer and Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer GSDS.

Sadbhavna Peace Club at KIIT World School, Gurugram inaugurated September 3, 2024

Following the meeting of school teachers organized by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (GSDS), the Sadbhavna Peace Club was initiated on September 3, 2024 at KIIT World School, Gurugram, in association with the Samiti. This initiative aims to promote the values of peace, nonviolence, and conflict resolution

among school students, fostering an environment of harmony and understanding in line with the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi.

The inauguration of the Sadbhavna Peace Club was held at the school premises with an enthusiastic gathering of students, teachers, and staff. The ceremony began with a welcome speech by the Principal of KIIT World School, highlighting the importance of peace and nonviolence in today’s world and expressing gratitude to GSDS for supporting this noble initiative.

The Sadbhavna Peace Club aims to:

1. Promote peace, nonviolence, and conflict resolution among students.
2. Encourage community service and responsible citizenship through various initiatives.
3. Foster a sense of social responsibility and empathy in the younger generation.
4. Provide a platform for students to express their ideas and solutions for creating a harmonious society.



(Above): Shri Vijay Goel, Hon’ble Vice Chairman GSDS interacts with children of Sadbhavna Peace Club. (Below): Children join for a group photograph.

The Sadbhavna Peace Club’s first initiative was a week-long ‘Swachhta Abhiyaan (Cleanliness Drive)’ starting September 5, 2024, at KIIT World School. The drive aims to involve students in cleaning activities, promote cleanliness, hygiene, and sustainable practices like waste segregation and recycling. Planned activities include an awareness rally, clean-up drive, poster-making competition, interactive sessions on waste management, and a plantation drive.

Dr Vedabhyas Kundu outlined the different programs for children being taken up by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti. It was decided to introduce the Samitis peer mediation program in the School as an initiative of the Peace Club.

**Gandhi Peace Club launched at Vidya Bharati School
September 30, 2024**



Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer GSDS conducts workshop at Vidya Bharati School and (Below), children of the Gandhi Peace Club join for a group photograph.

As a prelude to the Gandhi Jayanti celebrations, a program was organized on September 30, 2024, at Vidya Bharati School in Rohini, New Delhi, to launch the Gandhi Peace Club. The event, organized by GSDS included a workshop focusing on the themes of swabhav, swachhata, and sanskaar.

During the programme, the children took a swachhata pledge to promote cleanliness and environmental awareness. A demonstration session featuring the charkha was also conducted, and an exhibition showcasing the life and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi was set up for the students.

**Course on Nonviolent Communication launched with Kirori Mal College
February 11, 2025**

On February 11, 2025, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, in collaboration with the Gandhi

Study Circle of Kirori Mal College, Delhi University, launched a new course on “Respectful and Nonviolent Communication for our Wellbeing.” The event, held at the college, emphasized the importance of cultivating respectful communication in personal and professional relationships.



Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer GSDS conducts workshop at Kirori Mal College on Nonviolent Communication.

The Chief Guest, Prof K P Singh, Director of Gandhi Bhawan, Delhi University, highlighted how respectful communication is deeply rooted in India’s cultural and traditional values. He urged participants to adopt these principles to foster better societal harmony.

Prof Dinesh Khattar, Principal of Kirori Mal College, expressed gratitude towards Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti for their initiative to offer this valuable course in collaboration with the college.

The keynote address and workshop were delivered by Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer GSDS, who guided participants through the core concepts of nonviolent communication and its relevance to mental and emotional well-being.

The course to be conducted weekly, offers a structured learning experience designed to promote the practice of respectful dialogue in everyday interactions.

Evening Prarthana Sabha in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat February 2025



The Prarthana Sabha initiated by Dr. Jwala Prasad, Director of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (GSDS), at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat, embodies a significant cultural and spiritual practice. These evening gatherings focus on fostering a sense of unity, devotion, and peace through the power of music and prayer. The gathering provides a space for individuals to come together and offer their prayers through bhajans (devotional songs) and soulful music, reflecting Mahatma Gandhi's vision of spiritual harmony and non-violence.

The regular bhajan performances by artists such as Shri Himanshu Kumar, Smt. Rashmi Gupta, and Ms. Jyotsna bring a deep sense of devotion, echoing the spiritual principles of Gandhi. These bhajans are not only expressions of faith but also act as an instrument to promote collective well-being, fostering an atmosphere of calm and reflection.

An interesting aspect of this Prarthana Sabha is the participation of GSDS staff, including Shri Sanjeet Kumar, the Administrative Officer. Through such gatherings, the values of compassion, unity, and selfless service are celebrated, which resonate deeply with the principles laid out by Gandhi.

Charkha 2.0 Festival Begins: Reviving Gandhian Values in the Modern Era March 27, 2025

The two-day Charkha 2.0 Festival of Gandhian Values and Ideals commenced on March 27, 2025, featuring a series of activities and initiatives aimed at fostering Gandhian thought. Organized by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti in collaboration with Atma Ram Sanatan Dharma College, Delhi University, the festival brought together scholars, students, and practitioners of Gandhian philosophy.



(Above): Distinguished speakers at the two-day Charkha 2.0 Festival at ARSD College, Delhi University highlight the relevance of Gandhian principles in contemporary context.

(Below): Towards understanding Gandhi, students through the book stall of GSDS.

During the inaugural session, Prof. K.P. Singh, Director, Gandhi Bhawan, Delhi University, emphasized the significance of imbibing Gandhian values in the modern era. Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, the Guest of Honour, provided an insightful discourse on the integration of Gandhian principles into emerging domains of knowledge, particularly in the age of Artificial Intelligence.

Adding a hands-on dimension to the festival, GSDS organized a Charkha demonstration session for students, highlighting the symbolic and practical importance of the spinning wheel. A book stall and a Khadi souvenir stall were also set up, drawing engagement from participants. Ms. Renu, Ms. Neelam, and Mr. Vivek from GSDS actively contributed to the program, enriching the festival's interactive and educational experience.

Dr. Rajeev Ranjan Giri from the Department of Hindi, Delhi University, and renowned journalist, Gandhian thinker, and writer Shri Arvind Mohan, addressed students in Session 3 on "Revisiting Gandhi: Truth, Nonviolence, and Sustainability in the 21st Century."

Indian art and culture depicted at Purvanchal Festival March 29, 2025

Hon'ble Governor of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Shri Manoj Sinha inaugurated 'Maati 8 - Purvanchal Festival of Art, Culture, Food, and Tourism' at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat, on March 29, 2025. Organised in collaboration with Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (GSDS), the other guests included renowned actor Shri Sudhanshu Pandey, known for his role in Anupama, who attended as the guest of honour. The festival served as a vibrant platform for celebrating the rich cultural and artistic heritage of the Purvanchal region, bringing together a diverse group of poets, craftsmen, artisans, social entrepreneurs, and artists.



Padma Shri Pt. Sajan Mishra's recital of folk and devotional music from the Banaras Gharana enthralled the gathering.

Purvanchal, offering visitors an immersive experience of the region's heritage. Handicrafts and artistic displays by skilled artisans and craftsmen attracted significant attention, reflecting the deep-rooted traditions and skills of rural India. The festival not only celebrated cultural diversity but also encouraged dialogue on preserving and promoting Purvanchal's artistic and touristic potential. With its unique blend of music, craft, and cuisine, the event fostered a sense of community and appreciation for the region's rich cultural legacy, making it a memorable occasion for all attendees.



Hon'ble Governor of J&K, Shri Manoj Sinha (Centre) graced the Maati 8 in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat as the Chief Guest.

The highlight of the festival was the soulful rendition of bhajans by Padma Shri Pt. Sajan Mishra, who inaugurated the cultural forum, setting a spiritual and artistic tone for the day-long festivities.

The festival showcased traditional art forms, folk performances, and culinary specialties of

SEMINAR/DIALOGUES

- * Dialogue on 'Partition' by Dr. Kishwar Desai
- * Lecture on Yoga and Samadhi by Prof. Om Nath Bimli
- * Conference on Nelson Mandela's art of forgiveness
- * Gandhi Vichar Sabha
- * Dialogue on Gandhian Principles for Global Peace in 21st Century
- * Seminar on Constitutional Values and Mahatma Gandhi
- * Dialogue on Youth Leadership
- * Seminar on Mahatma Gandhi and Journalism

'The horrors of Partition cannot be forgotten' – Dr. Kishwar Desai
May 1, 2024



(Above): Participants at the dialogue pay their tributes at the Martyr's Column.



(Below): Dr. Kishwar Desai is seen sharing her perspective on "The horrors of Partition".

On May 1, 2024, Gandhi Smriti welcomed a 45-member delegation from the "Seven Cities" group, where they paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi at the Martyr's Column and also visited Mahatma Gandhi's room.

Dr. Saurav Kr. Rai and Shri Rajdeep Pathak engaged with the delegation, and interacted with them. Later, an interactive session with Ms. Kishwar Desai, Chairperson of The Arts and Cultural Heritage Trust that set up the Partition Museum in Amritsar and author shared poignant tales of partition's horrors and the British role, underscoring the significance of such museums for educating the youth.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Kishwar said that a phenomenon that had tremendous ramifications worldwide. Millions lost their parents, spouses, children and belongings, were chased out of their homes where their families had lived perhaps for hundreds of years and left destitute.

The gathering, comprising spouses of Ambassadors, academics, professionals, volunteers, and Seven Cities group members, was inspired by her insights.

Lecture on "Yoga and Samadhi: Steps to Self Regulation"
June 21, 2024

As part of the celebrations to mark the International Yoga Day 2024 on June 21, 2024, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti organised a lecture on योग और समाधी: आत्मसाक्षात्कार के सोपान (Yoga and Samadhi: Steps to Self Realization) in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat. Prof. Om Nath Bimali, Director, Centre for Hindu Studies, Delhi University and Prof. & Head Department of Sanskrit, Faculty of Arts, DU delivered the lecture.

Dr. Jwala Prasad, Director GSDS, presided over the programme. While Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer GSDS delivered the welcome address, the vote of thanks was proposed by Shri Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer, GSDS. Prof. A P Singh, from Zakir Hussain College, Delhi University also shared his perspective on this occasion.



Prof. Om Nath Bimli addresses the gathering during the discussion on "Yoga and Samadhi: Steps to Self-Realisation" in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat, as (from L to R), Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Prof. A P Singh, Dr. Jwala Prasad and Shri Sanjeet Kumar keenly listens.

Prof. Om Nath Bimali's elucidation on yoga and samadhi finds deep roots in several ancient scriptures, particularly the Yoga Sutras of Patanjali, the Bhagavad Gita, and the Hatha Yoga Pradipika.

The Yoga Sutras of Patanjali delineate the eight limbs of yoga (Ashtanga Yoga)—yamas (ethical disciplines), niyamas (observances), asanas (physical postures), pranayama (breath control), pratyahara (withdrawal of senses), dharana (concentration), dhyana (meditation), and samadhi (absorption)—which together form a comprehensive framework preparing the practitioner for samadhi, the ultimate state where individual consciousness merges with universal consciousness.

“Reconciliation is not cheap. It entails struggle and continuous effort - Cedrick C Crowley”
July 18, 2024

To commemorate the 106th Birth Anniversary of Nelson Mandela, the former President of South Africa, the conference titled “The Art of Forgiveness and Reconciliation: Lessons from Madiba” was inaugurated by the Acting High Commissioner of South Africa, H.E. Mr. Cederick C. Crowley, at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat on July 18, 2024.

The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Kavita Sharma, former President of South Asian University. The special address was given by Dr. A S Yaruvingam from the Department of African Studies, Delhi University. Presiding over the function, Dr. Jwala Prasad, Director of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti also felicitated the distinguished gathering with the Gandhi Charkha, books, and plants. A tree plantation ceremony involving distinguished guests was another highlight of the programme.

The conference saw the attendance of Ambassadors, High Commissioners, and Secretaries from 28 Embassies and High Commissions. These included Embassy of Russia, Zimbabwe, Jamaica, Costa Rica, Russia, Spain, Burundi, Morocco, Uganda, Angola, Zambia, Lybia, Sudan, Columbia, Gabon, Guinea to name a few. All dignitaries were felicitated by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti on this occasion. Prominent individuals from academia, heads of various institutions, faculty members of colleges, and a large number of students from different schools, colleges, and universities also participated in this conference.

In this inaugural address, Mr. Crowley highlighted the role of reconciliation in achieving peace in the world community, gripped by violence today. Taking references to history, he said that reconciliation is not cheap and it comes with great struggle and pain and hardship.

He s outlined six lessons from Nelson Mandela’s legacy: lead by example with moral consistency and conviction, recognize that reconciliation comes at a price, persist with forgiveness and reconciliation despite their unpopularity, understand that reconciliation isn’t merely forgetting the past, make forgiveness a deliberate choice requiring courage, and reject ego in favor of altruism and service.

The guests were given a warm welcome from the marching band children of K R Mangalam World School, Vaishali. Also, cultural presentations by students from ARSD College, Delhi University, and children from Indirapuram Public School, Indirapuram left the audience mesmerized.



On the dais (L to R): Shri Sanjeet Kumar, Dr. Jwala Prasad, Dr. Kavita Sharma, H.E. Mr. Cederick C. Crowley, Dr. A S Yaruvingam and Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu at the release of the special manual ‘Children in Conflict with Law’ in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.



ARSD College Choir from Delhi University (Above) and (Below) children’s choir from Indirapuram World School gave mesmerising performance before diplomats from many embassies in India.

During the event, a manual titled “Children in Conflict with Law” prepared by Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu,

Programme Officer, was released by the Chief Guest and other dignitaries. Shri Rajkumar Sharma, Programme Committee Member of GSDS expressed his gratitude to the distinguished gathering in his address.

Gandhi Vichar Sabha

Shri Vijay Goel highlights relevance of Mahatma Gandhi in contemporary times November 8, 2024

The Hon'ble Vice Chairman of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, Shri Vijay Goel, chaired a meeting on November 8, 2024, at Gandhi Smriti, attended by senior professionals, media representatives, social workers, authors and others. During the meeting, he discussed various initiatives undertaken by GSDS over the past three years and several major programmes, highlighting recent developments and advancements made by the organization. Following the discussion, Shri Goel led the delegation on a tour of the Gandhi Smriti Museum.



(Above): Shri Vijay Goel, VC GSDS is seen with distinguished members at the Gandhi Vichar Sabha.

(Below): The distinguished gathering during their visit at the Gandhi Smriti Museum with Shri Vijay Goel.

Gandhian Principles for Global Peace in the 21st Century – A dialogue November 25, 2024

Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti organized an insightful dialogue on “Gandhian Principles for Global Peace in the 21st Century” in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat on November 25, 2024. The event began with

an insightful presentation by Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, who emphasized the four foundational pillars of Gandhian philosophy – Truth, Nonviolence, Sarvodaya, and Satyagraha. He elaborated on how these principles provide a sustainable framework for addressing contemporary challenges like conflict resolution, environmental degradation, and inequality.

A special session Dr. Shamenaz Bano, focused on the promotion of Gandhian values in Central Asia. The event also included perspectives from international delegates such as Mr. Kahmidulla Tajiev from Kazakhstan, Ms. Shahnoza Umarova from Uzbekistan, and Ms. Dildora Tukhtaeva. Mr. Asror Allayarov delivered a thought-provoking address on “Mahatma Gandhi and Peace,” exploring how Gandhi’s strategies for peace-building and nonviolence could be applied in resolving modern-day conflicts.



Dr. Jwala Prasad, Director GSDS, Shri Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer and Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer GSDS during an interactive session with the visiting delegates from different countries in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.

Seminar on Constitutional Values and Mahatma Gandhi organized November 26, 2024

As part of the celebrations of the 76th Constitution Day, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti organized a seminar on “Constitution of India and Moral Values” in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat. A large number of students from Delhi University took part in the seminar that was

graced by Justice (Retd). Laxmi Kant Gour as the Chief Guest and Advocate Ram Mohan Rai, General Secretary of Gandhi Global Family as the Guest of Honour. The Presidential Remarks was delivered by Hon'ble Vice Chairman of the Samiti Shri Vijay Goel. Director GSDS, Dr. Jwala Prasad delivered the welcome address and also gave a befitting introduction to the programme. Shri Hardayal Kushwaha of Gandhi Global Foundation also shared his perspectives on this occasion. Shri Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer GSDS proposed the vote of thanks and also moderated the session. Shri Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer GSDS proposed the vote of thanks.



Hon'ble VC GSDS Shri Vijay Goel addresses the gathering of scholars and and academicians and also is seen administering the pledge on "Constitution Day" to the gathering .

While speaking on "Constitution of India through the Prism of Gandhian Principles", Sh. Ram Mohan Rai said that while Mahatma Gandhi did not have a direct influence on the Constitution, his ideas greatly reflected in the pages of the Indian Constitution and gave the country a direction to carry forward their work after independence. Shri Rai said that Gandhiji always followed the principles of truth and non-violence in his life.



Eminent Gandhian scholar Shri Ram Mohan Rai addresses the gathering on Constitutional ideals and principles in Gandhi Dashan, Rajghat.

He believed that democracy is not only a political system but it is also a moral and social system. According to Mahatma Gandhi, "Our country has experience of monarchy, autocracy, democracy and republic.

Delivering the key-note address, Justice (Retd) Laxmi Kant Gaur highlighted the positive power of nonviolent communication and mediation in addressing the conflicts within the family, the world and above all an introspection of the self. Justice Gaur rooted in Indian tradition.

In his presidential remarks, Shri Vijay Goel emphasized the Constitution as a dynamic and evolving framework that safeguards India's diversity and guides its progress. He highlighted the significance of integrating Gandhian values into the interpretation and implementation of constitutional principles, underscoring their role in fostering social harmony and ethical governance.

**National Dialogue on "Beyond Right & Wrong: Redefining Youth Leadership for a Transformative Future"
December 20, 2024**

Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti in collaboration with 'ComMutiny – The Youth Collective' organized a national convention on "Beyond Right & Wrong: Youth Leadership is Changing the Game" in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat on December 20, 2024. This idea was drawn from the philosopher Rumi's timeless idea "Out beyond ideas of wrongdoing and right doing, there is a field.



Participants of the national dialogue on "Beyond Right and Wrong" in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.

I'll meet you there.” 150 youth allies from across sectors converged and discussed issues “Beyond Right & Wrong: Youth Leadership is Changing the Game”. Shri Jayant Chaudhary, Hon'ble Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship & Education, Government of India, was the Chief Guest on this occasion. Ms. Yamini Mishra (Country Director, MacArthur Foundation), and Ms. Pragya Vats (Communications Specialist) were other guests.

Participants ranged from civil society organizations like Development Alternatives, WildTales, and VartaLeap Coalition, to philanthropic leaders like Rohini Nilekani Philanthropy and USAID, media voices like Citizen Matters and CSR Journal, and academic institutions such as Azim Premji University and ISDM. Youth leaders from Assam, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, and beyond also took center stage.

Earlier, leading up to this event, 12 regional dialogues were organized by grassroots leaders, aggregating the voices of over 600 allies who committed to supporting and promoting the youth leadership. Together, these efforts exemplify how allies, moving from intention to action, can collectively redefine youth leadership and inspire systemic change.

Seminar on Mahatma Gandhi and Journalism **March 1, 2025**

Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti organized a seminar on the topic ‘Gandhi and Journalism’ at Gandhi Darshan today. Prof. Arun Bhagat, member of Bihar Public Service Commission was present as the keynote speaker on this occasion.

The special guests were Sri Ravi Shankar, editor of ICCR's magazine Gaganachal and Prof. Devendra Deepak former Director Madhya Pradesh Sahitya Akademy. . The function was

presided over by Dr. Jwala Prasad, Director of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti.



(On the Dais): Prof. Devendra Deepak, former Director Madhya Pradesh Sahitya Akademi address the gathering, as (from L to R), Shri Ravi Shanka, Dr. Jwala Prasad, Prof. Arun Bhagat and Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu are in rapt attention.

In his keynote address, Prof. Arun Bhagat said that Gandhi has set standards of journalism. His journalism is relevant even today. But unfortunately, journalism of social concern is coming to an end today. He lamented that journalists have now become partisan.

Shri Ravi Shankar said that Gandhi ji used to say that journalism is a service. But today it has become commercial. Media claims to educate the common people but media itself is uneducated.

In his address, GSDS Director, Dr. Jwala Prasad said that it is necessary to observe today's journalism. Gandhiji remained firm on truth. But today is the era of sycophancy, in such a situation walking on the path of truth is a challenge.

The programme concluded with a bhajan sandhya, in which singer Himanshu Kumar presented devotional music. On this occasion, Delhi University's Prof. Rajiv Gupta, Mr. Ajay Anurag, GSDS Programme Officer Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Research Officer Dr. Saurav Rai, Sh Dharmendra Pratap Singh, Sh Vipin Kumar Gupta, Prof Rajeev Gupta, Shri Bhupen, Shri Atul Prabhakar, students of journalism department of many institutions, Gandhian activists, social workers and dignitaries were present.

COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAMMES

- * International Labour Day celebrated
- * 163rd Birth Anniversary of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore
- * Tree Plantation on World Environment Day 2024
- * 79th Hiroshima Day observed
- * 78th Independence Day celebrated
- * Tree Plantation as part of "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam"
- * Maharishi Valmiki Jayanti
- * 150th Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
- * 166th Birth Anniversary of Bipin Chandra Pal
- * 136th Birth Anniversary of Maulana Abul Kamal Azad
- * Tribute to Batukeshwar Dutt
- * Tribute to Rani Lakshmibai on 196th Birth Anniversary
- * 140th Birth Anniversary of Dr. Rajendra Prasad celebrated
- * Tribute to Dr. B. R. Ambedkar
- * Netaji's 128th Birth Anniversary
- * Guru Ravidas Jayanti

International Labour Day Celebration at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat: A Tribute to the Global Workforce

May 1, 2024

The International Labour Day celebration at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat, on May 1, 2024, resonated with poignant tributes to the global workforce. On this occasion, Dr. Jwala Prasad, Director Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti acknowledged the tireless efforts and contributions made by workers worldwide.

Dr. Jwala Prasad, in his address, emphasized the enduring relevance of Labour Day, aligning its ethos with Gandhian principles. As a gesture of appreciation, Dr. Jwala Prasad presented staff members of GSDS with a token of gratitude. Each member received a notebook and a copy of the Calendar, symbolizing the organization's commitment to fostering growth, productivity, and well-being among its workforce. This gesture not only recognized their dedicated service but also aimed to inspire them to continue embodying the values upheld by Gandhi Darshan.



Dr. Jwala Prasad, Director GSDS addresses the gathering at the programme to mark the International Labour Day.

163rd Birth Anniversary of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore

May 7, 2024

As part of the 163rd birth anniversary of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore on May 7, 2024, students representing the Gandhi Study Circle, Mata Sundari College, Delhi University took part in an interactive session on Mahatma Gandhi and Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore today at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat. The students delved on the deep philosophy of both the Mahatma and Gurudev.

Later Dr. Jwala Prasad led the students along with the staff of Gandhi Darshan into paying rich tributes to Gurudev in the Kalpana Chawla Park at Gandhi

Darshan. GSDS Director, Dr Jwala Prasad talked how the students of Gandhi Study Circle can further work with the Samiti.



Floral tributes to Nobel Laureate Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore on his 163rd birth anniversary at Kalpana Chawla Jagriti Park in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat

GSDS Leads Tree Planting Initiative to Celebrate World Environment Day 2024

June 5, 2024

On June 5, 2024, Dr. Jwala Prasad, Director, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (GSDS), spearheaded a significant tree planting initiative in celebration of World Environment Day. The event, held at both the Gandhi Smriti and Gandhi Darshan complexes, saw the enthusiastic participation of a large group of children, GSDS staff, and professional artists and craftspeople. Various fruit-bearing trees were planted, symbolizing a commitment to enhancing environmental sustainability and fostering a greener future.



Tree plantation marked the celebrations of the World Environment Day led by Dr. Jwala Prasad, Director GSDS with staff members.

During the ceremony, Dr. Prasad addressed the participants, emphasizing the importance of environmental stewardship. He inspired the children and all attendees to pledge to plant trees on special occasions throughout their lives, thereby contributing to a legacy of ecological mindfulness and action. This year's World

Environment Day theme, “Land restoration, desertification and drought resilience,” underscored the global imperative to address pressing environmental challenges.

Remembrance of 79th Hiroshima Day August 6, 2024

To mark the 79th anniversary of Hiroshima Day, about 50 students of Bal Bharati Public School took part in an interactive session. The Director, GSDS, Dr Jwala Prasad motivated the children to do service in the community, practice self-discipline and self-restraint. He talked about inculcating Gandhian values.



Children from Bal Bharati Public School join in a prayer at Gandhi Darshan Rajghat to mark the 79th Hiroshima Day.

The students made presentations on the lessons learnt from Hiroshima. They made beautiful rendition of the sholakas of Bhagvad Gita. The Programme Officer, Dr Vedabhyas Kundu took a session on peace-building and the Administrative Officer, Mr Sanjeet Kumar talked about Gandhian values. A Gandhi Quiz was conducted for the children. The children also visited the Museums on this occasion.

78th Independence Day Celebrated at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat August 15, 2024

As part of the 78th Independence Day celebrations on August 15, 2024, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti paid a heartfelt tribute to the Motherland with a series of cultural performances that encapsulated the spirit of freedom, unity, national integration, diversity, and, above all, patriotism.

The programme was graced by Chief Guest, Prof. Rajkumar Bhatia, a social thinker and prolific writer, who ceremoniously unfurled the Tricolour along with the Director of the Samiti, Dr. Jwala Prasad. In a symbolic gesture of commitment to the nation, Prof. Bhatia also planted a tree, dedicating it to the motherland and supporting the ‘Ek Ped Ma Ke Naam’ initiative of the Government of India.



Prof. Rajkumar Bhatia hoists the Tri Colour with Dr. Jwala Prasad on 78th Independence Day in Gandhi Darshan Rajghat, as cultural presentations by children were special highlights.

The day was marked by soul-stirring performances that brought the Gandhi Darshan campus at Rajghat to life. Artistes from Abhigyan Natya Association enthralled the audience with their musical rendition, celebrating the spirit of freedom.

Further Artist from ‘Abira’ group led by Sh Udaya Narain Singh presented various songs depicting the struggle for Independence and also highlighted the crucial role of Mahatma Gandhi in the freedom struggle.

Sh. Himanshu Kumar’s rendition of patriotic songs and Dr. Gorakh Prasad Mastana’s evocative poetry further stirred emotions, resonating with the essence of the fervour of patriotism.

Shri Vijay Goel plants tree sapling in Gandhi Smriti as part of the ‘Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam’ September 5, 2024

Taking forward the ‘Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam’ Abhiyaan that was launched by Hon’ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, Shri Vijay Goel, Vice Chairman Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti planted a sap-

ling of a fruit tree in Gandhi Smriti along with other staff members on September 5, 2024.



Shri Vijay Goel, Hon'ble VC GSDS is seen planting a tree, as part of the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' abhiyaan in Gandhi Smriti.

This initiative aims to honour and celebrate the contributions of mothers while promoting environmental sustainability through tree plantation.

Maharishi Valmiki Jayanti celebrated October 17, 2024

Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (GSDS) celebrated Maharishi Valmiki Jayanti on October 17, 2024, at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat. Director GSDS, Dr. Jwala Prasad, led the staff in offering their respects to Maharishi Valmiki and highlighted his immense contributions to Indian literature and spirituality, particularly as the author of the epic Ramayana. He further spoke about the life and teachings of Maharishi Valmiki, recognizing his role as a symbol of wisdom, transformation, and devotion.



Shri Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer GSDS addresses the gathering on Valmiki Jayanti, as Director GSDS, Dr. Jwala Prasad and Programme Officer Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu are all ears.

Dr. Jwala Prasad also emphasized the enduring relevance of the philosophy of saints and seers like Maharishi Valmiki in contemporary society. He spoke of how Rishi Valmiki's journey from a reformed sinner to a saint continues to inspire generations, symbolizing the

power of inner transformation. He encouraged everyone to imbibe the values of compassion, righteousness, and service, which were central to Maharishi Valmiki's teachings.

Tributes paid to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel October 31, 2024



On 31 October 2024, commemorating the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and National Unity Day, Dr. Jwala Prasad led the GSDS staff in paying heartfelt tributes at Sardar Patel's statue in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat. Dr. Prasad garlanded the statue and offered flowers in remembrance. Additionally, an oath-taking ceremony was held as part of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day), during which Dr. Prasad administered a pledge of unity, integrity, and self-reliance.

Tribute to Bipan Chandra Pal November 7, 2024



(Inset): A participant shares his perspective at the discussion on martyr Bipan Chandra Pal at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.

As a tribute to the revolutionary leader and freedom fighter Bipan Chandra Pal on his 166th birth anniversary on November 7, 2024, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti organized a lecture on Bipan Chandra Pal, the Indian nationalist, writer, orator, social reformer and freedom fighter at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat. Dr. Jwala Prasad, Director GSDS led the staff in paying tributes to Bipan Chandra Pal. On this occasion, Shri Shravan Singh the distinguished guest, presented a patriotic song and a song dedicated to the Chhath Festival in the Bhojpuri dialect.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad remembered on his 136th Birth Anniversary November 11, 2024

Dr. Jwala Prasad, Director GSDS led the entire GSDS staff of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat to pay rich tributes to Maulana Abul Kalam Azad on his 136th Birth Anniversary. Programme Officer GSDS Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Administrative Officer GSDS Shri Sanjeet Kumar also joined this occasion in remembering Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the First Minister of Education in Independent India.



Dr. Jwala Prasad, Director GSDS along with Shri Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer GSDS leads the GSDS staff into paying rich tributes to Maulana Abul Kalam Azad.

On this occasion Dr. Jwala Prasad spoke of the role of education and its importance. Shri Sanjeet Kumar also spoke on the importance ethics and values in education. To mark this occasion, a sanitation drive was initiated in Gandhi Darshan campus in which everybody participated with great enthusiasm.

Tribute to Batukeshwar Dutt November 16, 2024

Rich tributes were paid to Shri Batukeshwar Dutt on his 114th Birth Anniversary in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat. Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer GSDS and Shri Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer GSDS along with other staff paid tributes on this occasion and remembered his contribution an Indian socialist and independence fighter. They both spoke on the sacrifices made by the freedom fighters for the cause of India's Independence and said that such sacrifices should not be taken for granted.

Shri Sanjeet Kumar delivered an insightful address on the life and sacrifices of Shri Dutt, shedding

light on his vital role in India's independence movement. Shri Kumar recounted Dutt's indomitable spirit, emphasizing his courage during the Central Legislative Assembly bombing alongside Bhagat Singh in 1929.



Shri Sanjeet Kumar, GSDS Administrative Officer along with Programme Officer Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu lights the ceremonial lamp at the programme to pay tribute to Shri Batukeshwar Dutt.

This act of defiance was not intended to harm but to awaken the conscience of the British rulers and galvanize the Indian masses. He highlighted how Dutt willingly faced imprisonment and endured immense hardships, exemplifying his unwavering dedication to the nation's freedom.

Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu focussed on Batukeshwar Dutt's strong socialist ideology and his commitment to the broader cause of social justice. He spoke about Dutt's belief in the transformative power of youth and how his revolutionary ideals were aligned with the aspirations of the common people, especially the marginalized sections of society.

196th Birth Anniversary of Rani Lakshmibai November 19, 2024

Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti observed the 196th birth anniversary of Rani Lakshmibai with a heartfelt tribute at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat. The program featured engaging discussions led by Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer, GSDS, and Shri Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer, GSDS, alongside other participants. On this occasion, the GSDS also paid tribute to Independent India's first woman Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi and first Chairperson of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti on her 107th birth anniversary.

Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu emphasized the enduring lessons of courage and resilience from Rani Lakshmibai's

life, drawing parallels with Mahatma Gandhi's steadfast dedication to truth and nonviolence, even in the face of tremendous challenges.

Shri Sanjeet Kumar provided a detailed historical overview, examining the onset of British rule, the impact of Mughal invasions, and the unparalleled bravery of women freedom fighters who sacrificed everything, including their lives, for the nation. He also highlighted Gandhi's transformative leadership and unyielding efforts, which ultimately led to India's independence.



GSDS paid rich tributes to Rani Laxmi Bai. The staff also shared their thoughts on India's independence.

GSDS honours icons of freedom and shares vision of inclusivity December 3, 2024

Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (GSDS) commemorated the 140th birth anniversary of Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the first President of independent India, with a heartfelt tribute on December 3, 2024, at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat. The event also honored the memory of young freedom fighter Khudiram Bose on his 135th birth anniversary. Director of GSDS, Dr. Jwala Prasad, led the staff in paying their respects to both these eminent personalities who significantly shaped India's struggle for independence.

The programme was graced by Shri Radhey Shyam Sharma, a distinguished member of the Rajendra Prasad Committee, as the chief guest. Shri Sharma shared inspiring insights into the life and legacy of Dr. Rajendra Prasad, emphasizing his commitment to the nation, humility, and unwavering principles.

Senior Advocate of the Supreme Court, Shri Dibyanshu Pandey, was the guest of honour. In his address, Advocate Pandey highlighted the enduring relevance of Dr. Prasad's leadership and Khudiram Bose's youthful courage, reminding the audience of the sacrifices made by these heroes for India's freedom. He also shared personal anecdotes.

Earlier, in his introductory remarks, Dr. Jwala Prasad elaborated on Dr. Rajendra Prasad's pivotal role in the Indian freedom movement.



Shri Radhey Shyam Sharma addresses the gathering in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat to an audience in rapt attention.

Administrative Officer of GSDS, Shri Sanjeet Kumar, highlighted the importance of December 3 as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. He drew attention to the need for inclusivity and empowerment of individuals with disabilities, urging collective efforts to create an equitable society.

Tributes to Dr. B. R. Ambedkar on his 69th death anniversary December 6, 2024

Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti on December 6, 2024 paid tribute to Dr. B R Ambedkar on his 69th Death Anniversary in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat. Shri Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer GSDS along with Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu Programme Officer GSDS paid rich tributes to the architect of Indian Constitution by garlanding his statue in Gandhi Darshan at the Kalpana Chawla Jagriti Park.

Shri Sanjeet Kumar also spoke on the immense contribution of Dr. Ambedkar in voicing the concern of the common people and giving a framework for them in the Constitution of India. On this occasion, the GSDS staff also paid their tributes to Dr. Ambedkar. He also gave a life sketch of the life of Dr. Ambedkar and reiterated the values of inclusivity.

Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu spoke about Dr. B.R. Ambedkar as a visionary social reformer who played a pivotal role in championing the rights of marginalized communities in India. He also mentioned about the ‘The Poona Pact of 1932’, a landmark agreement between Ambedkar and Mahatma Gandhi, which arose amidst intense debates over the separate electorates for the Depressed Classes proposed by the British.



Shri Sanjeeet Kumar, Administrative Officer is seen delivering a talk on Dr. B R Ambedkar on his 69th death anniversary in Kalpana Chawla Jagriti Park at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.

Netaji Remembered on his 128th Birth Anniversary

January 23, 2025



Teachers in training from CCRT join in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat paying tribute to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose on his 128th Birth anniversary at Gandhi Vatika.

Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti paid rich tributes to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose on his 128th Birth Anniversary in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat on January 23, 2025. Dr. Jwala Prasad, Director GSDS led the entire GSDS staff and about 120 teachers from nine states undergoing training at the Centre for Cultural Resources and Training at Dwarka into paying floral tributes to Netaji.

Mr. India International 2017, Sh. Dara Singh Khurana was the chief guest on this occasion. Dr. Rahul Kumar, Deputy Director CCRT, GSDS Programme Officer Dr. Vedabhyas and Administrative Officer Shri Sanjeet Kumar were also present on this occasion and interacted with the teachers.

Guru Ravidas Jayanti celebrated February 12, 2025

On February 12, 2025, Director GSDS Dr. Jwala Prasad led the entire staff into paying rich tributes to Guru Ravidas on his birth anniversary in Gandhi Smriti and Gandhi Darshan Rajghat during which a shramdaan was also organised in both the campuses.

In Gandhi Darshan Rajghat, in the programme, Advocate Kunal Malik was the chief guest. The programme began by offering floral tributes to Guru Ravidas ji. While Sh Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer GSDS gave a life sketch of Ravidasji, Dr Jwala Prasad highlighted the essence of being karmayogi with complete devotion. On this occasion Dr Jwala Prasad felicitated MTS workers Sh. Sailesh, Sh. Rajinder and Sh. Naushad.



A massive sanitation drive was organised in Gandhi Smriti and Gandhi Darshan to celebrate Guru Ravidas Jayanti. Lecture by Advocate Kunal Malik was another highlight of the programme.

PROGRAMMES FOR CHILDREN

- * Orientation Programme with Jesus Mary Joseph School
- * Interactive Session on Understanding Gandhi with ITIHAAS
- * 10-day Gandhi Summer School for slum children
- * Interaction with Educators from schools
- * Gandhi Summer School in 'Observation Home for Boys'
- * Orientation programme with Bal Bharati Public School
- * Gandhi Mela in Mount Abu School, Rohini
- * Interaction with children from Rashtrapati Bhawan in Gandhi Smriti
- * Workshop and Exhibition at St. Giri Sr. Sec. School
- * Children's Day celebration in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat
- * Heritage Experiential Learning in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat
- * Poetry Competition for School Children in Gandhi Darshan
- * Teachers' orientation programme on 'Conflict Transformation in Schools'
- * Little Flowers School wins Children Social Conclave
- * Seminar on Atmanirbhar Bharat and workshop in Leh Ladak

Orientation programme with school children

May 4, 2024

An orientation programme with children from Jesus Mary Joseph Senior Secondary School Paschim Vihar was conducted in Gandhi Smriti on May 4, 2024. 244 students visited the Gandhi Smriti Museum and were given a guided tour. Gandhi Quiz was also conducted on this occasion. Dr Saurav Kr Rai and Sh Rajdeep Pathak engaged with the children in the orientation programme.



An orientation programme with school children in progress in Gandhi Smriti.

Interactive session on 'Understanding Gandhi' organized

May 22, 2024

As part of Taking Gandhi to School programme, a session with children on 'Understanding Gandhi' was organized in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat on May 22, 2024. 40 children from Indian Traditions Heritage Society (ITIHAAS) took part in this training programme. Ms. Smita Vats, Founder Director of ITIHAAS was also present on this occasion. Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer interacted with the children on this occasion. During this visit, the children were also given a guided tour of the Museums at Gandhi Darshan.



Enthusiastic children are seen engaging in interactive session at the training programme on 'Understanding Gandhi' in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.

Slum Children take part in 10-day Gandhi Summer School

June 5, 2024

Dr. Jwala Prasad, Director, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti inaugurated the 10-day Gandhi Summer School for the slum children in Gandhi Darshan Rajghat on June 5, 2024. A large number of children from different slum areas took part in this summer school programme during which they were trained in various skills such as theatre, mime and Chhau dance, Bharatnatyam dance, pottery, jute craft, music, sessions on mediation and conflict resolution, film-making, candle-making, charkha spinning, Lippon Art, Comic Strip, etc. Ms. Nisha Trivedi senior resource person from the National School of Drama was the guest of honour on this occasion.



(Above): Dr. Nisha Trivedi is seen addressing the gathering at the Gandhi Summer School, as (Below) resource persons along with Director GSDS Dr. Jwala Prasad and Programme Officer Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu join the inaugural ceremony.

Valedictory Programme (June 18, 2024)

H.E. Ms Diana Mickeviciene Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic of Lithuania in India was the chief guest at the valedictory function of the 15-day Gandhi Summer School in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat

on June 18, 2024 during which children presented an extravaganza of cultural performances.

Presided over by Dr Jwala Prasad, Director GSDS, the guest of honour on this occasion was Mr Chittaranjan Tripathy, Director of National School of Drama. The other special guests included Shri Govind Ji, Sangathan Mantri of Vidya Bharati group of institutions, Shri Rajkumar Sharma, Prof Rubina Mittal and Shri Lakshya Chhabaria, Members of Program Committee of GSDS.



Ambassador of Lithuania in India, H.E. Mrs. Diana Mickeviciene along with Director GSDS Dr. Jwala Prasad and Programme Committee Member Mr. Lakshya Chhabaria light the ceremonial lamp at the valedictory programme.



Distinguished guest Shri Chittaranjan Tripathy looks at the children's creation of Lippon Art at the valedictory function.

An exhibition of the paintings, Lippon art, candles, pottery, comic strips, learnt by children in the 15-day Summer School programme, was displayed, which the distinguished guests visited and appreciated.

In his welcome address, Dr. Jwala Prasad, emphasized the importance of fostering creativity in children. He remarked, "Creativity is the foundation of innovation and growth. By encouraging our children to explore and express their creativity, we are paving the way for a brighter and more imaginative future."

Cultural presentations by children such as dance, theatre were the highlights of the valedictory programme. A display of clay products made by children was another special attraction.

H.E. Ms. Diana Mickeviciene, in her address, lauded the children's efforts and the diverse display of creativity through their works which were exhibited. She said, "The enthusiasm and talent displayed by these young minds are truly inspiring," adding, "Their ability to learn and create in such a short span is a testament to their potential and the excellent guidance they have received."

Earlier, Mr. Chittaranjan Tripathy, also praised the children's artistic endeavours. "Art and culture play a crucial role in the holistic development of a child," he stated. "The varied artworks and exhibited here today reflect the creativity and dedication of these young artists. It is through such initiatives that we can nurture and develop the innate talents of our future generations."

Interaction with Educators as part of Taking Gandhi to Schools convened July 10, 2024

As part of Taking Gandhi to Schools initiative, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (GSDS) organized an interactive session with teachers and educators from various schools in the Delhi and NCR region at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat, on July 10, 2024. The event saw participation from almost 150 teachers. Shri A. Annamalai, Director of the National Gandhi Museum, was the chief guest, and Dr. Jwala Prasad, Director of GSDS, chaired the session.



Shri A. Annamalai, Director National Gandhi Museum addresses the teachers and also is seen interacting with the educators during the programme.

Shri A. Annamalai delivered an inspiring speech on the relevance of Mahatma Gandhi's teachings in today's educational landscape. He encouraged teachers to adopt innovative pedagogical methods that integrate Gandhian philosophy, emphasizing that values such as truth, non-violence, and self-discipline are timeless and critical for nurturing responsible future citizens.

The interactions focused on the holistic development of children through event-based and impact-based programs, as detailed by GSDS Program Officer Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu. Shri Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer at GSDS.

The discussion featured on integrating Gandhian principles into school curricula revealed various innovative approaches being employed by educators.

Gandhi Summer School in Observation Home For Boys -1 organized July 21-29, 2024

The week-long Gandhi Summer School in Observation Home for Boys-1 started on July 21, 2024. The Valedictory Session will be conducted on July 29, 2024. In the morning hours, a meditation and yoga session was conducted by Ms Jyoti Pandey and Ms Pratibha Mishra. In the afternoon session, four different activities were taken up- theatre, dance, Quill Art and Painting.



Children of the Observation Home for Boys -1 at the interactive session during the Gandhi Summer School and below children performing a Mime Act.

Administrative Officer, GSDS, Mr Sanjeet Kumar conducted a session on gender equality at the Gandhi Summer School at the Observation Home for Boys-1, Delhi Gate. Further, as part of the mindfulness classes, 'Walking Meditation' was organised. Further, the children were told about the importance of kindness and service towards others through role plays.

The 'Valedictory Programme' was organized on July 29, 2024. In the valedictory session, the children showcased their learning of the one week through their performance on dance, theatre, quill art and paintings. The children also spoke about their own experiences of 'mindful meditations', 'yoga', 'walking meditation, and 'gender equality'.

Director GSDS, Dr. Jwala Prasad, Programme Officer GSDS, Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu and Administrative Officer GSDS, Shri Sanjeet Kumar were present on this occasion. Shri Vinod Saraswat, Superintendent of Observation Home for Boys 1, Ms. Deepti Dutt Sharma, Member Juvenile Home, Juvenile Home, Shri Narendra Sharma, Welfare Officer, (Observation Home for Boys 1) was also present on this occasion.

**Orientation programme with Bal Bharati Public School
September 12, 2024**



Children of Bal Bharati Public School, Ghaziabad at the “My Life is My Message” exhibition in Gandhi Darshan.

225 students along with eight teachers from Bal Bharati Public School Brij Vihar Ghaziabad visited Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat on September 12, 2024. Dr. Jwala Prasad, Director GSDS addressed the children on Gandhian values, ethics and discipline in life which Mahatma Gandhi had imbibed. He also inspired them to follow the principles of truth, honesty, dedication and discipline which instills values. Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu Programme Officer GSDS also addressed the students. Mr. Shakeel Khan also spoke to the students and a guided tour was provided to them of the Gandhi Darshan Museums.

**Hundreds of school children join for rehearsals for Gandhi Jayanti 2024
September 2024**



Hundreds of school children from over 35 schools of Delhi and NCR joined in paying a musical tribute to Mahatma Gandhi in Gandhi Darshan during which rehearsals were conducted. The rehearsals that began on September 25 will continue till October 2, when they perform in Gandhi Smriti on the occasion of the 155th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

**Gandhi Mela organized in Mount Abu School
October 1, 2024**



(Above): Children with their work of art join for a group photograph. (Below): Book stall on Gandhiana attracted young children in their attempt towards ‘Understanding Gandhi’.

Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti on the eve of 155th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on October 1, 2024 organized a Gandhi Mela in Mount Abu Public School, Rohini. Besides, the ‘Gandhi Peace Club’ was initiated in the school. The students were also administered the ‘swachhta pledge’. The Principal of the School, Smt. Jyoti Arora and Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer, GSDS spoke to the children.

**Hon’ble Vice Chairman GSDS Shri Vijay Goel interacts with children in Gandhi Smriti
October 15, 2024**

Hon’ble Vice Chairman GSDS, Shri Vijay Goel interacted with a number of children from Rashtrapati Bhawan, who reside there, during their visit to Gandhi Smriti on October 15, 2024. He highlighted different and interesting facets from Mahatma Gandhi’s life and also quizzed the children.

The children were given a guided tour of the Gandhi Smriti Museum and they also took part in the Gandhi Quiz on this occasion.



Shri Vijay Goel is seen addressing the children during their visit.

Workshop and Exhibition organized in St. Giri Sr. Sec School October 15, 2024

As part of Taking Gandhi to Schools of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, in order to promote Gandhian Values amongst school students a programme was organized for Children of St. Giri. Sr. Sec. School, Rohini on October 15, 2024. This was part of the initiative 'Special Campaign 4.0' under the aegis of Ministry of Culture. On this occasion, talk on 'Mindfulness', 'peace education' and 'Gandhian values' was organized.



Ms. Namrata conducts a charkha demonstration for the teachers of St. Giri Sr. Sec. School.

Children's Day celebrated in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat November 14, 2024

About 60 children from Gyan Shakti Vidyalaya, NOIDA and the staff of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti came together to celebrate Children's Day and paid tributes to the first Prime Minister of India, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on November 14, 2024, along with Director GSDS, Dr. Jwala Prasad. The children rendered poetry and delivered speeches on what they understand by the importance of Children's Day.

Celebrating Experiential Learning and Heritage Education December 7, 2024

The grand finale of Anveshan, the flagship experiential learning programme by ITIHAAS, was held on December 7, 2024, at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat in collaboration with Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti. Marking its 15th year, the programme brought together 20 selected school choirs from a total of 280 participants, showcasing the themes of "Fire, Earth, and Water".

Shri Vijay Goel, Vice Chairman of GSDS, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, emphasizing the importance of connecting students with India's rich heritage. He also presented awards to the winners along with Dr. Jwala Prasad, Director GSDS. Ms. Smita Vats, Founder Director of ITIHAAS, highlighted the transformative journey of the program, which coincided with ITIHAAS completing 20 years.



Shri Vijay Goel, Hon'ble VC GSDS presents trophies to the winners of 'Anveshan 2024' in different categories in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.

Young poets show their prowess in the poetry competition December 19, 2024



Smt. Uma Nanduri, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture offers floral tribute to Mahatma Gandhi at Gandhi Vatika, as Director GSDS, Dr. Jwala Prasad and Administrative Officer GSDS Shri Sanjeet Kumar join her.

Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (GSDS) organized a poetry competition on December 19, 2024, at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat, centered around the theme “The Way to Nonviolence” (“Ahimsa Ka Marg”). The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from 50 schools across Delhi and the NCR region, celebrating the power of poetry in promoting Gandhian ideals.



Ms. Vidushi Verma receives the winning prize from Director GSDS, Jwala Prasad and judges of the competition.

The occasion was graced by Smt. Uma Nanduri, Joint Secretary Academy, Ministry of Culture, as the chief guest. As part of her visit, she planted a tree under the “Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam” initiative in Gandhi Darshan. She was warmly welcomed by Dr. Jwala Prasad, Director, GSDS, and Shri Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer, GSDS.

The competition concluded with outstanding performances by young poets. Ms. Vidushi Verma from Evergreen Public School, Vasundhara Enclave, secured the first prize, followed by Mr. Devensh from Little Flowers International School in the second position, and Mr. Dhruv Negi from Modern Public School in third place. Ms. Cheshta Sharma from Andhra Education Society, ITO, and Mr. Adarsh Shukla from Sarvodaya Co-ed Vidyalaya No. 2, Kalkaji, received appreciation awards. Mr. Deepak Castelino, singer Mr. Himanshu Kumar, poet Ms. Sarla Mishra, and Shri Vinod Parashar, evaluated the participants’ performances.

Rehearsals conducted for 77th Martyrdom Day programme January 23, 2025

Director GSDS, Dr. Jwala Prasad addressed almost 300 children and teachers from around 50 schools of Delhi and NCR region enthusiastically participating in the musical training session at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat for the January 30, 2025 programme. These students are paying a musical tribute to the Father of the Nation,

Mahatma Gandhi on his 77th death anniversary on January 30, 2025 in Gandhi Smriti the site of Mahatma Gandhi’s Martyrdom. On this occasion, Shri Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer, GSDS also shared his perspectives with the children.



Orientation programme for school children conducted January 9, 2025

Children from Government Boys Sr. Sec. School, Madanpur, Khadar and Moti Bagh – 1 visited Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat on January 9, 2025 as part of the two-day orientation programme on ‘Understanding Gandhi’, under the ‘Taking Gandhi to School’ initiative.



Children from Govt. Boys Sr. Sec. School, Madanpur, Khadar and Moti Bagh during their visit to Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.

On this occasion, the children visited the Gandhi Darshan museum. The children were also given exposure in pottery, charkha spinning, books in the GSDS library and orientation on Gandhian values by Administrative Officer Shri Sanjeet Kumar, who underlined the essential Gandhian values, ethics, morality and honesty during his interaction. Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer GSDS was also present on the occasion.

Orientation Programme on ‘Conflict Transformation in Schools’ with Teachers January 15, 2025

Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti on January 15, 2024 organized an Orientation training programme on “Conflict Transformation in Schools”. About 58 teachers participated in the orientation programme.

Director of GSDS, Dr Jwala Prasad delivered the Valedictory address and he underlined the significant role of teachers in nation building and developing responsible citizens. The training was conducted by Programme Officer, Dr Vedabhyas Kundu and it had three components- nature of conflicts in schools and how these can be resolved constructively; introduction to peer mediation and negotiation skills amongst students; and importance of nonviolent communication.

Mr Sanjeet Kumar Administrative Officer, GSDS talked on the need to incorporate Gandhian values in our lives. The teachers shared their own experiences of helping students resolving conflicts constructively.



Dr. Jawala Prasad, Director GSDS, Administrative Officer Shri Sanjeet Kumar joins the orientaton programme conducted by Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer (Left).

Workshop on “Measuring our Nonviolent Footprints” conducted January 18, 2025



A student makes a presentation before the participants, during the session on ‘Measuring Nonviolent Footprints’ in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.

About 90 students from different schools of Delhi and NCR took part in a workshop on ‘Measuring our Nonviolent Footprints’ conducted on January 18, 2024 at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat. The Director, GSDS, Dr Jwala Prasad exhorted the students to take Bapu’s teaching to practical action in their daily lives. The Programme Officer, Dr Vedabhyas Kundu conducted the session which covered different dimensions of nonviolence. Later, the students reflected and tried to measure their

own nonviolent footprints. The Administrative Officer, Mr Sanjeet Kumar was present on the occasion. The session saw intense discussion and dialogues between the students and how they can nurture nonviolence in their daily lives.

Little Flowers School wins Children’s Social Conclave January 22, 2025

Hon’ble Vice Chairman GSDS Shri Vijay Goel inaugurated the Children’s Social Conclave in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat on January 22, 2025 on the eve of the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and interacted with the participating children from 50 schools of Delhi and NCR who took part in the competition displaying their social projects and also made presentations on the theme of the competition “Sustainable Lifestyle and Climate Change”.



Shri Vijay Goel, VC GSDS interacts with participating students at the Children’s Social Conclave.

Shri Vijay Goel also appreciated their efforts on this occasion. Little Flowers Public School, Shivaji Park won the competition. The “Vasudhaiv Kutumbkam Running Trophy” was given away to the winning school by the Director, GSDS, Dr Jwala Prasad.



Shri Vijay Goel, Hon’ble VC GSDS addresses a gathering of teachers, judges and students at the Children’s Social Conclave at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.

The judges on this occasion included: Smt. Soumi Datta Gupta, environmental expert, Ms. Indira Ganesh, Heritage expert, Shri Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer, GSDS and Shri Udbhaw Shandilya, PhD scholar who judged the competition.

The second prize was won by Rainbow English School, Janakpuri; while the third prize went to Tagore International School, Vasant Vihar. In addition to these, two appreciation prizes went to Modern Public School, Shalimar Bagh and Ved Vyas DAV Public School, Vikaspuri. A special prize from the judges was awarded to three schools – Vikas Bharati Public School, Rohini; Blue Bells International School, East of Kailash and Gyan Mandir Public School, Naraina Vihar respectively for their creativity and dedicated effort towards their projects.



A panel of judges are including Shri Sanjeet Kumar, Ms. Indira Ganesh, Ms. Soumi Datta and Shri Udbhaw Shandilya are seen interacting with the children and understanding their social projects during the competition.



Children of Little Flowers School, Shivaji Park lift the Children's Social Conclave rolling trophy from Director GSDS, Dr. Jwala Prasad along with other dignitaries.

LEH LADAKH

Workshop on Gandhian Values and Nonviolent Communication October 31, 2024

On October 31, 2024, a workshop focusing on Gandhian Values and Nonviolent Communication was held for students from Bhartiya Vidya Niketan High School Choglamsar and other schools in Leh. This event was organized by the Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, an institution dedicated to promoting the philosophy and teachings of Mahatma Gandhi. A large number of students took part in this programme.



Glimpses from the programme in Leh Ladakh organised at Bharat Vidya Niketan High School of Choglamsar.

The workshop was conducted by Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer GSDS. Dr. Kundu facilitated engaging discussions and activities that aimed to instill the principles of nonviolence, empathy, and understanding in the students. Participants learned about Gandhian values, emphasizing the importance of truth, compassion, and respect for all individuals.

Through interactive sessions, students explored practical applications of nonviolent communication in their daily lives, encouraging them to resolve conflicts peacefully and foster a sense of community. The workshop provided a platform for students to reflect on their roles as agents of change, promoting harmony and understanding in their school and local communities.

Seminar on Aatmanirbhar Bharat Vikshit Bharat October 31, 2024

On October 31, 2024, to mark Rashtriya Ekta Diwas and celebrate the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti and Bhartiya Vidya Niketan High School Choglamsar, Leh, Jammu and Kashmir, organized a seminar on Aatmanirbhar Bharat Vikshit Bharat. About 150 students from different schools of the region took part in the programme.

The welcome address was given by Dr Konchok Rigzin, Chairman of Bhartiya Vidya Niketan High School Choglamsar. The key note address was delivered by Dr Vedabhyas Kundu, GSDS. The chief guest on the occasion was Mr Om Kailash, Deputy General Manager, NHIDCL, Ladakh. The Guest of Honour was Col. A K Srivastava, of 1st Ladakh Scout.

A National Unity Pledge was administered on the occasion. A 'Gandhi Peace Club' has also been initiated in the school under the aegis of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti.



Children of Bharat Vidya Niketan High School of Choglamsar engrossed in the workshop conducted by Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu.

TAKING GANDHI TO SCHOOL

Taking Gandhi to School is an educational initiative that brings Mahatma Gandhi's life, values, and ideas beyond classrooms in a simple, engaging, and age-appropriate manner. It aims to inspire young minds through stories, activities, and dialogue rooted in truth, non-violence, compassion, and responsible citizenship, making Gandhian values relevant to everyday life.



1. 70 students and four 4 teachers from Ambience Public School Safdarjung Enclave visited Gandhi Smriti on April 4, 2024 and were given a guided tour of Gandhi Smriti museum. The students also visited the site of the martyrdom of Mahatma Gandhi on this occasion. A Gandhi Quiz was conducted for the students in which they enthusiastically took part.



2. A senior official from Government of India, Mr Umesh, along with his family, visited Gandhi Smriti on April 6, 2024. During the visit, they saw the Martyrs Column, Mahatma Gandhi ji's room, and the Multi Media exhibition. Ms. Preeti gave a guided tour to them.

3. 319 Students along with ten teachers from DAV Public School, Paschim Vihar, visited Gandhi Smriti Museum on April 18, 2024 and were given a guided tour of the entire museum on this occasion.

Smriti Museum on April 18, 2024. The enthusiastic children also took actively part in the Gandhi Quiz conducted on this occasion. Each of the participating children were given a copy of the Antim Jan, the monthly magazine of GSDS.

4. 54 students and three teachers from Pragyan School, Greater Noida visited Gandhi

5. Around 300 students and 30 teachers from Brain International School, Vikaspuri, visited Gandhi Smriti Museum on April 27, 2024 and were given a guided tour of the entire museum on this occasion. The enthusiastic children also took actively part in the Gandhi Quiz conducted on this occasion. Each of the participating children was given a copy of the Moniya, the children's magazine of GSDS.

6. 98 students and 8 teachers from Maharaja Agarsen Public School, Ashok Vihar visited the museum at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat on April 27, 2024. During this visit copies of the Antim Jan magazine were also given to the teachers.

7. 193 students along with eight teachers from Summer Fields School, Kailash Colony visited Gandhi Smriti on April 30, 2024. Dr. Saurav Kr. Rai and Sh. Rajdeep Pathak interacted with the children and briefed them on the historic relevance of Gandhi Smriti.



8. 148 children from Hillwoods Academy Sr. Sec School, Preet Vihar, along with teachers visited Gandhi Smriti museum on May 3, 2024 as part of Taking Gandhi to School Programme. The students were given a guided tour of the entire museum briefing them about the history of Gandhi Smriti. On this occasion the enthusiastic children also took part in the Gandhi Quiz conducted by Gandhi Smriti. Copies of the GSDS publication, Antim Jan was also given for the school library.

9. Maharaja Agrasen School, Ashok Vihar, visited Gandhi Darshan complex Rajghat with 85 children and seven Teachers on May 4, 2024. They were given a guided tour on this occasion.

10. 243 children including five teachers from Summer Fields School visited Gandhi Smriti on May 8, 2024. During their visit, an orientation programme was conducted with about 100 children. During this visit, Gandhi Quiz was also conducted for them. Copies of Antim Jan magazine were also given to the school.

- a. 90 students from the School, along with teachers again visited Gandhi Smriti museum on May 09, 2024.
- b. 190 children from Summer Fields School, Kailash Colony, alongwith five teachers visited Gandhi Smriti on May 10, 2024. During the visit, they were briefed about the history of Gandhi Smriti and were also given a guided tour in the museum.

11. About 100 students from Atal Adarsh Vidyalaya, Kidwai Nagar visited Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat today. They went round the museums, took part in Gandhi Quiz. A workshop was conducted for them on ethics and anger management and on how to express gratitude on this occasion.



12. 234 children from Chowgule Public School (Maratha Mitra Mandal Regd), Karol Bagh visited Gandhi Smriti on May 10, 2024.

13. 156 children along with teachers from Navy Children School, Chanakyapuri visited Gandhi Smriti museum.



14. 38 children including their teachers from Bharti Public School, Swasthya Vihar visited Gandhi Smriti on July 30, 2024 during which an orientation of the children was conducted. The enthusiastic children also took part in the Gandhi Quiz organized on this occasion.

15. 77 students along with their teachers from St. Mary's School, Dwarka visited Gandhi Smriti on August 2, 2024. Dr. Saurav Kr. Rai, Research Officer, GSDS interacted with the children on this occasion

and briefed them about the significance of Gandhi Smriti. The enthusiastic children also took part in the Gandhi Quiz conducted on this occasion.

16. 70 children's choir from Philadelphia, New Jersey, United States of America visited Gandhi Smriti on August 6, 2024 and offered tributes at the Martyr's Column.

17. 193 children and fifteen teachers from Max Fort School Rohini visited Gandhi Smriti on August 17, 2024. During this visit, Dr. Saurav Kr. Rai, Research Officer GSDS and Shri Rajdeep Pathak, Programme Executive GSDS spoke to the children and briefed them about the significance of Gandhi Smriti.

18. 130 children along with 9 teachers from Pathways school, Noida visited Gandhi Smriti on August 22, 2024 as part of the Taking Gandhi to School initiative of GSDS. The enthusiastic children during their visit to the museum asked several questions related to the life of Mahatma Gandhi.



19. On August 24, 2024, 350 students and their teachers from G D Goenka School, a co-educational senior secondary school in Rohini, visited Gandhi Smriti. The visit was a vibrant and educational

experience, as the students were divided into groups and engaged in a variety of creative activities within the museum.

20. 163 students along with their children from Sardar Patel Vidyalaya Lodhi Road visited Gandhi Smriti on September 4, 2024 as part of the Taking Gandhi to School program.



21. 35 students with three teachers from St. Mary's School, Safderjung Enclave visited Gandhi Smriti on September 19, 2024 and were given a guided tour of the museum. The school further visited Gandhi on September 20. The school also visited on September 26 with 27 students and 5 teachers.

22. 43 students along with six teachers of Omkaar Vidyalaya, Sambhaji Nagar, Maharashtra on September 21, 2024 visited Gandhi Darshan as part of their educational tour. An orientation was done

on Gandhian values and the ongoing swachhata hi seva 2024 campaign. They also visited the My Life is My Message Pavilion.

23. Students of Bal Bharati Public School, Delhi visited the museum at Gandhi Smriti Complex on 24 September 2024. The aim of this educational visit was to familiarise the children with the life, ideals of Mahatma Gandhi and his contribution to the freedom struggle.

24. 153 students along with 18 teachers of Modern Public School, Delhi visited the museum at Gandhi Smriti Complex on 24 September 2024. Dr. Saurav Kr. Rai interacted with the students before they visited the Gandhi Smriti Museum.

25. 60 Students and 4 Teachers from Arwachin International School, Dilshad Garden visited Gandhi Darshan Rajghat and were given a guided tour of the museums in Pavilion No 1 and 4. The children also took part in the Gandhi Quiz competition.



26. 214 Class IV students and 12 teachers from Amity International School, Noida visited Gandhi Smriti Museum on September 26, 2024. The children visited the Gandhi Smriti Museum including Mahatma Gandhi room on this occasion.

27. As part of the Swachhata Hi Seva initiative, the Swachhata Pledge was administered to the students of K R Mangalam World School, Vikaspuri in Gandhi Smriti on September 27, 2024. The children also took part in the Gandhi Quiz and also visited the Gandhi Smriti Museum.

28. 80 students and six teachers from G D Goenka Public School, East Delhi visited Gandhi Smriti on October 3, 2024. They were given a guided tour of the museum on this occasion.

29. 165 students and teachers from Tagore International School East of Kailash visited Gandhi Darshan on October 4, 2024 and were given a guided tour on this occasion.

30. 31 students along with two teachers from The Gurukul School, Ghaziabad, visited Gandhi Smriti on October 4, 2024.



31. 145 students from K R Mangalam School, Vikaspuri, along with 7 teachers, visited Gandhi Smriti Museum on October 4, 2024.
32. 250 students from Sri Chaitanya School, Coimbatore visited Gandhi Smriti on October 4, 2024 and were given guided tour of the Gandhi Smriti Museum on this occasion.
33. 212 Students along with 22 teachers from Darbari Lal DAV Model School, Pitampura visited Gandhi Smriti on October 5, 2024 and were given a guided tour of the Museum. 22 teachers from the school also joined this tour.
34. 250 children from Somerville School Greater NOIDA visited Gandhi Smriti on October 8, 2024 and were given a guided tour of the museum.
35. As part of Taking Gandhi to Schools, in order to promote Gandhian values amongst school students, a programme was organized for children of Modern Public School, Shalimar Bagh on October 9, 2024.
36. 151 students along with 8 teachers from Mamta Modern Sr. Sec. School, Vikaspuri visited Gandhi Smriti on October 15, 2024. During this visit, an orientation with the children was also conducted. Besides the children enthusiastically took part in the Gandhi Quiz on this occasion.
37. 219 students from Delhi Public School, Gurugram visited Gandhi Smriti on October 15, 2024 and were given a guided tour of the Gandhi Smriti Museum. 17 teachers also accompanied the children.
38. On October 18, 2024, 58 students and two teachers from the Government Girls Senior Secondary School, West Jyoti Nagar, Delhi-94, visited Gandhi Darshan. They were provided with a comprehensive guided tour of the entire Gandhi Darshan Museum.
39. On October 18, 2024, 73 students along with two teachers from The Air Force School, Subroto Park, visited Gandhi Smriti. During their visit, the students also participated in the Gandhi Quiz, adding an engaging and educational element to the occasion. They also visited the Gandhi Smriti museum. Further 70 students of the school visited on October 22, 2024.
40. On October 18, 24 students and three teachers from Saraswati Vidya Mandir, Kishanganj, Biah, visited Gandhi Darshan. The purpose of the visit was to familiarize the children with the life, messages, and principles of Mahatma Gandhi. Further, on October 19, the students and teachers toured the Gandhi Darshan exhibition, the Rashtriya Swachatta Kendra, and Mahatma Gandhi Samadhi at Rajgaht, where they paid tribute to the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi.

41. On October 19, 2024, Vishal Bharti Public School, Paschim Vihar, visited Gandhi Smriti with 158 students and 16 teachers. During their visit, the children received a guided tour of the Gandhi Smriti Museum. Dr. Saurav Kr. Rai, Research Officer at GSDS, engaged with the students in an interactive session. The children also eagerly participated in a Gandhi Quiz, showcasing their enthusiasm for learning about Mahatma Gandhi's life and legacy.



42. 296 students from G D Goenka School, Dwarka, along with almost 15 teachers visited Gandhi Smriti on October 22, 2024 during which they also visited the Museum as part of the Taking Gandhi to School programme.

43. On October 23, 2024, 69 students from Class V of The Air Force School, Subroto Park, visited the Gandhi Smriti Museum as part of their educational tour.

44. 161 students of G.D. Goenka Public School, Dwarka Delhi visited Gandhi Smriti Museum on October 24, 2024. The students also enthusiastically took part in the Gandhi Quiz on this occasion.

45. 150 students from Vikas Bharati Public School, Sector 24, Rohini who visited Gandhi Smriti on October 25, 2024, enthusiastically took part in the Gandhi Quiz. They also visited the Gandhi Smriti Museum on this occasion.

46. 123 children along with 13 teachers from Vishal Bharti Public School visited Gandhi Smriti on October 26, 2024 during which they were given a guided tour of the museum. The children also took part in the Gandhi Quiz in different groups.

47. 39 children along with three teachers from Delhi Convent School, Shalimar Garden, Ghaziabad made a visit to Gandhi Smriti on October 26, 2024. An orientation was conducted with the students on this occasion. The enthusiastic students also visited the Gandhi Smriti Museum.

48. 138 students along with their faculty members from Vikas Bharati Public School Rohini visited Gandhi Smriti Museum on November 12, 2024 and were given a guided tour on this occasion. The enthusiastic students also took part in the Gandhi Quiz organized as part of this visit. Students and teachers also received the Samiti's monthly magazine 'Antim Jan'.

49. 22 students and teachers of Zilla Parishad High School, Nawabpet, Telangana visited the Gandhi Smriti Sangrahalaya today, 14 November 2024, under the 'Taking Gandhi to School' programme.



50. 75 children with their teachers from St. Mary's Girls High School, The Saint Marys Salian Society, Chamarajpet, Gandhi Nagar, Tumukar District, Karnataka, Bangaluru visited Gandhi Smriti on November 27, 2024 during which they were given a guided tour of the entire Gandhi Smriti Museum. The students also took part in the Gandhi Quiz on this occasion.

51. 60 students of Government Boys Senior Secondary School, Trilokpuri, Delhi visited the Gandhi Darshan Museum on November 30, 2024. During this, the students understood the ideals and teachings of Mahatma Gandhi, through a guided tour.



52. On December 4, 2024, 16 students from DAV School, Telangana, visited the Gandhi Smriti Museum as part of the 'Taking Gandhi to Schools' programme and were given a guided tour of the museum.

53. 48 students with teachers and President of Sai Vidya Mandir, Mr. Bhadreiah Bangalore Karnataka visited Gandhi Smriti on December 6, 2024 and were given a guided tour on this occasion. The enthusiastic students also shared their experience in visiting different museums across Delhi as part of their educational programme in 'Understanding Gandhi'.

54. 44 students and teachers of Bal Bharti Public School, Rohini, Delhi visited the Gandhi Smriti Sangrahalaya today, December 7, 2024. The students also participated enthusiastically in the Gandhi Quiz organized on the occasion.

55. A group of 40 students along with their faculty members from Delhi and across the country coordinated by St. Columba's School visited Gandhi Smriti on December 7, 2024 and were given a tour of the museum on this occasion. Along with the students from the school, children from the underprivileged sections also visited Gandhi Smriti.

56. 72 students with 12 teachers from M M National School Loni Ghaziabad visited Gandhi Smriti on December 8, 2024 and were given a guided tour of the museum.

57. 60 students including five teachers from Lotus Krishna Vidya Bhawan, Sec.73 NOIDA, Uttar Pradesh visited Gandhi Smriti on December 10, 2024.

58. 65 students along with their faculty members from Bharti Airtel Foundation as part of their Satya Bharti School Program took part in an orientation programme in Gandhi Darshan Rajghat, commemorating the International Human Rights Day, being celebrated every year on December 10, 2024. The students on the second day of their visit on December 11, 2024, also engaged themselves in an interactive session in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat. The school again visited Gandhi Darshan on December 12, 2024.

59. Around 247 students including five teachers from St. Columba's School Delhi visited Gandhi Smriti on December 13, 2024 and were given a guided tour of the Gandhi Smriti museum.

60. As part of the "Taking Gandhi to School" initiative, 500 students from Government Sarvodaya Kanya Vidyalaya, Nangloi, visited Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat with 60 students on December 18, 2024.

61. On December 21, 2024, 67 students and teachers of Baby Public School, Delhi visited Gandhi Smriti and they got the opportunity to learn about the life and thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi.

62. On December 21, 2024, 50 students and their teachers of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Mungeshpur, Delhi visited the Gandhi Darshan Museum. The students participated enthusiastically in the Gandhi Quiz organized on the occasion.

63. Twenty students from Malayalam Padanakendram, R. K. Puram, Delhi visited Gandhi Smriti on January 4, 2025 and were given a guided tour on this occasion. Dr. Saurav Rai interacted with the students on this occasion.

64. 33 students from St. Mary's School, Jhajjar, Haryana visited Gandhi Smriti Museum on January 18, 2025 and were given a guided tour of the Gandhi Smriti Museum. Dr. Saurav K Rai, Research Officer GSDS interacted with the visiting students.

65. 72 students and three teachers from Dr. B. R. Ambedkar School of Specialized Excellence, Janakpuri, participated in an engaging visit to Gandhi Smriti during which they visited the Gandhi Smriti museum on January 21, 2025 and also undertook the Gandhi Quiz.

66. Gandhi Smriti hosted 244 students and 12 teachers from Mount St. Mary's School, Delhi Cantt on January 22nd with 252 students and 14 teachers, during which some of them also took part in the Gandhi Quiz.

67. 77 students and five teachers from Dr. B. R. Ambedkar School of Specialized Excellence, Kalkaji, visited Gandhi Smriti on January 21, 2025. Shri Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer, GSDS, interacted with the children, sharing insights about Gandhian values.

68. 145 students of Government Sarvodaya Bal Vidyalaya, Prahladpur and 44 students of Government Sarvodaya Co-educational School, Rohini, Delhi visited Gandhi Darshan Museum today, January 24, 2025, as part of the 'Taking Gandhi to School' programme.



69. The HDFC School, Sushant Lok, Gurugram brought 181 students along with 23 teachers in Gandhi Smriti on February 6, 2025, during which they were given a guided tour of the Gandhi Smriti Museum.

70. 155 students and ten teachers from DPS School Rohini visited Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat complex on February 14, 2025 and were given a guided tour of the Gandhi Darshan Museums on this occasion. The students also visited the 'Rashtriya Swachhatta Kendra'. The students also took part in the Gandhi Quiz enthusiastically.

71. 26 children from Delhi Convent School, Shalimar Garden visited Gandhi Smriti on February 14, 2025 and were given a guided tour of the Gandhi Smriti Museum. The children also enthusiastically took part in the Gandhi Quiz on this occasion.

72. Almost 73 children from Dev Convent School Samaypur Delhi visited Gandhi Darshan museum at Rajghat on February 28, 2025 and were given a guided tour of the museums. The children joined the Bhajan Sandhya at Gandhi Haat with artist Himanshu Kumar and sang Ram Dhun.

73. 330 children from K R Mangalam World School, Greater Kailash visited Gandhi Smriti on March 4, 2025 and were given guided tour of the Gandhi Smriti Museum.

74. 150 students from Shiv Nadar School, NOIDA visited Gandhi Smriti on March 6, 2025 and were given a guided tour of the museum on this occasion.

75. 103 Students and ten students from Vivekanand School Anand Vihar visited Gandhi Smriti on March 7, 2025 and were given an orientation on Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy.

76. 330 children from K R Mangalam World School, Greater Kailash visited Gandhi Smriti on March 4, 2025 and were given guided tour of the Gandhi Smriti Museum.

77. Thirty seven teachers with their faculty member from Ramjas College Delhi University visited Gandhi Smriti on March 25, 2025. The enthusiastic students were given guided tour of the museum on this occasion.



PROGRAMMES FOR YOUTH

- * Orientation with students from Deen Dayal Upadhyay College
- * Gandhi Quiz for students of Shaheed Bhagat Singh College
- * Orientation programme with students of Jesus and Mary College
- * Orientation programme with students of Gandhi Study Circle
- * Interaction with youth from South Asia
- * Interaction with Sanskrit Department of Hindu College
- * Interaction with students from Dexterity Global
- * Orientation programme with Delhi Judicial Academy
- * Interaction with youth from Nelson Mandela Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution, Jamila Millia Islamia
- * Hundreds take part in 15th Champions Run
- * Programme with O P Jindal University
- * Poetry Competition for School Children in Gandhi Darshan
- * Orientation session with Zakir Hussain College students
- * Workshop on Mental Health at Work Place
- * Gandhi Fiesta 2024 with Kamla Nehru College
- * Interaction with Ramanujan College
- * 'Frame by Frame' International Film Festival at Delhi School of Journalism
- * Workshop on "Integrating Gandhian Classroom Management
- * Dialogue on 'Promoting Gandhian Values in Digital Age'
- * Workshop on Essence of Volunteerism with Hindu College

Orientation with students from Deen Dayal Upadhyay College, Delhi University
April 12, 2024



Dr. Saurav Kr. Rai, Research Officer GSDS, is seen addressing the students.

A group of 75 children including teachers from Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College, Delhi University took part in the orientation programme in Gandhi Smriti during their visit to the Gandhi Smriti Museum. Dr. Saurav Kr. Rai, Research Officer GSDS addressed the students on this occasion.

College students take part in Gandhi Quiz
April 16, 2024

Students along with their faculty members of Gandhi Study Circle, Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, New Delhi visited Gandhi Smriti Museum on April 16, 2024. They also participated in Gandhi Quiz and enjoyed the guided tour of the museum.



Orientation Programme with students of Jesus and Mary College
April 20, 2024

42 students of Jesus and Mary College, Delhi University along with their teachers visited Gandhi Smriti

as part of the programme on 'Understanding Gandhi'. An orientation programme was organized in Gandhi Smriti during the visit. Prof. Apoorvanand, professor at the Hindi Department, Faculty of Arts, University of Delhi spoke to the students. During this visit, the students took part in the Gandhi Quiz conducted by Gandhi Smriti on this occasion. Copies of the Antim Jan, the monthly magazine of GSDS was distributed to the students.



Students with copies of the Samiti's monthly publication, "Antim Jan" magazine.

Orientation Programme with students of Gandhi Study Circle
April 20, 2021

Director GSDS, Dr Jwala Prasad addressed a large number of students from 12 colleges of Delhi University's 'Gandhi Study Circle' during an orientation workshop organised in Gandhi Darshan on April 20, 2021. Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer GSDS also conducted the orientation session on this occasion. Students from different colleges made presentations during the programme.

Interaction with youth from South Asia organised
April 26, 2024

As part of People's Forum for Rise of South Asia (PFFROSA), an interaction with youth from South Asian region was convened in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat on April 26, 2024. Organised by Yuvsatta (Youth for Peace); Indian Council for International Cooperation; Atmashakti Trust, with knowledge partner Manav



Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer GSDS is seen addressing a delegation from South Asia in Gandhi Darshan.

Rachna Vidyanatariksha, Technology partner Lava, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti hosted a delegation led by Sr. Gandhians, President Harijan Sevak Sangh, Sh. Shankar Kumar Sanyal, Vice President HSS, Sh. Laxmi Das, and President AIPC, Sh. Rajnish Kumar along with Director GSDS, Dr. Jwala Prasad paid homage at the Mahatma Gandhi Samadhi at Rajghat.

Students Explore Gandhian Values at Gandhi Darshan
May 10, 2024



As part of the ongoing “Understanding Gandhi in Praxis” series, a group of 35 students from the Sanskrit Department of Hindu College, Delhi University, visited Gandhi Darshan. Led by their teachers, the students engaged in a comprehensive exploration of Gandhian values and nonviolent communication. The visit featured an interactive session facilitated by Dr. Jwala Prasad, Director of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (GSDS), wherein students delved into the profound philosophies espoused by Mahatma Gandhi.

Interaction with students from Dexterity Global
July 11, 2024



Director GSDS Dr. Jwala Prasad with students from Dexterity Global.

Director GSDS, Dr. Jwala Prasad conducted an orientation programme with a group of 40 students from Dexterity Global, (a national organization powering the next generation of leaders through educational opportunities and training) in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat on July 11, 2024 on leadership development and Gandhian principles. The engaging conversations showed the intellectual prowess of the students. Renowned motivational speaker Sh Sharad Vivek Sagar led this team of students to Gandhi Darshan. They also visited the Gandhi Darshan Museum on this occasion.

Orientation programme with Judiciary
July 26, 2024

An Orientation Programme on “Using Nonviolent Communication for Meaningful Interaction between the Bar and the Bench” for 79 judicial officers from the Delhi Judicial Academy was organized on July 26, 2024.



(Above): Administrative Officer GSDS, Shri Sanjeet Kumar is seen addressing the gathering and (Below): Participants join for a group photograph in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.

The Programme Officer, Dr Vedabhyas Kundu conducted the session. The Administrative Officer, Mr Sanjeet Kumar shared his experiences of dealing with industrial disputes and how Gandhian philosophy can be used in the judiciary.

Workshop on Promoting Gandhian Values in the Digital Age
August 17, 2024

Around 75 students from Deen Dayal Upadhyaya (DDU) College, Delhi University, visited Gandhi

Darshan, Rajghat, as part of the 'Understanding Gandhi in Praxis' series. The visit aimed to deepen the students' understanding of Mahatma Gandhi's principles and their relevance in contemporary society. The highlight of the visit was a workshop on 'Promoting Gandhian Values in the Digital Age,' conducted by Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, the GSDS Programme Officer. Through insightful discussions and interactive sessions, the workshop provided students with tools and perspectives on how Gandhian values can be upheld and practiced in today's technology-driven world.



(Above): Administrative Officer GSDS, Shri Sanjeet Kumar is seen addressing the participants and (Below): Participants during the interactive session with Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer GSDS in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.

Orientation programme on 'Nonviolent Communication and Nonviolent Conflict Resolution' **August 31, 2024**

As part of the 'Understanding Gandhi in Praxis' series, 54 students along with their faculty members Dr. Binish Maryam and Dr. Rashid Abbasi from the Nelson Mandela Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution, Jamia Millia Islamia (A Central University), New Delhi visited Gandhi Darshan on August 31, 2024. The students visited the Gandhi Darshan museum and also a Gandhi Quiz was conducted for them.

An orientation on 'Nonviolent Communication and Nonviolent Conflict Resolution' was conducted by Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer, GSDS. The visit aimed to deepen the students' understanding of Gandhian principles, particularly in the areas of nonviolent communication and conflict resolution. Dr. Kundu emphasized the relevance of Gandhian principles in contemporary conflict resolution strategies and encouraged the participants to adopt nonviolence not just as a tactic, but as a way of life.



Participants during their tour of the Gandhi Darshan Museum in Rajghat after the orientation session on 'Understanding Gandhi in Praxis'.

Sh. Vijay Goel flags off 15th Champions Run **September 22, 2024**

Hundreds of enthusiastic runners from various age groups and diverse regions, including Delhi,



Shri Vijay Goel, Hon'ble Vice Chairman GSDS leads the 15th Champions Race for Peace from Gandhi Darshan Rajghat.

Haryana, and Uttar Pradesh, came together to participate in the prestigious 15th Champions Run for Peace held at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat on September 22, 2024. Former Union Minister for Sports and Vice Chairman of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, Sh. Vijay Goel flagged off the race. The event was coordinated by Former Asian Marathon Champion and Founder Director of Health Fitness Trust, Dr. Sunita Godara.

Organized by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti in collaboration with Health Fitness Trust, the event celebrated the spirit of sportsmanship and peace in

celebration of the World Tourism Day. The event saw the participation of people from all walks of life, reflecting the enduring legacy of Mahatma Gandhi's ideals of harmony and inclusivity.



Shri Vijay Goel is seen administering the pledge as part of the "World Tourism Day" to the participants.

In his remarks, Sh. Vijay Goel lauded the enthusiasm of the participants. He said: "The Champions Run for Peace is not just a race but a celebration of the values that bind us as a nation", adding, that under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, we are witnessing a resurgence of champions in every field – from sports to culture, from entrepreneurship to education. Today's run is a tribute to their spirit of perseverance and dedication.

The event concluded with an awards ceremony. Sh. Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer of GSDS gave away the prizes on this occasion. Earlier, he also flagged off the 10 km race early in the morning.

Lecture on 'Modern Education in Gandhi's India' held at O P Jindal Global University October 2, 2024

On October 2, 2024, the India Policy Forum of O P Jindal Global University, in collaboration with Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (GSDS), organized a public lecture to commemorate Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary. The lecture, titled The Importance of Modern and Accessible Education in Gandhi's India, was delivered by Prof. Manish R. Joshi, Secretary of the University Grants Commission. About 100 students from various disciplines attended the event, actively engaging in discussions that followed the lecture.

The programme began with an opening address by Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer at GSDS, who underscored Gandhi's lifelong advocacy for education as a means of building an equitable society. The welcome address was delivered by Prof. D. S. Patnaik,

Registrar of O P Jindal Global University, who spoke on the significance of the event in inspiring young minds.

'Understanding Gandhi in Praxis' – An Orientation Programme October 3, 2024



Distinguished gathering and participants at the O P Jindal Global University during the programme.

On October 3, 2024, students from the Gandhi Study Circle of Zakir Hussain Delhi College visited Gandhi Darshan as part of the 'Understanding Gandhi in Praxis' series, an initiative aimed at fostering the spirit of Gandhian philosophy among young minds.



Participants from Gandhi Study Circle of Zakir Hussain College during their visit to Gandhi Darshan visit the Mahatma Gandhi Railway Coach as part of the orientation programme.

The session emphasized the critical role of youth in promoting Gandhian values such as non-violence, truth, and social justice within their peer groups and the broader community. The orientation session, led by Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer of GSDS, and Prof. Sanjeev Kumar from Zakir Hussain Delhi College, encouraged students to reflect on how Gandhi's principles can be applied to contemporary challenges. Discussions revolved around the importance of compassion, ethical leadership, and peaceful activism in addressing societal issues.

Workshop on Mental Health at Work Place October 9, 2024

On the eve of 'World Mental Health Day', Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (GSDS) organized a workshop on "Mental Health at Workplace" at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat, on October 9, 2024. Dr. Jwala Prasad, Director of GSDS, welcomed the participants and introduced the resource persons, Dr. Meena Mishra from the Brain Behaviour Research Foundation, and Clinical Psychologist Dr. Aanchal.

The workshop was aimed at promoting mental well-being among the staff by addressing common workplace stressors and offering practical strategies to cope with them. Dr. Mishra highlighted the importance of mental health awareness and provided insights into recognizing early signs of mental health issues in a professional setting.



Dr. Meena Mishra of Brain Behaviour Research Foundation interacts with Shri Vivek Kumar from GSDS.

Gandhi Fiesta 2024 highlights relevance of Mahatma Gandhi October 15, 2024

The Gandhi Study Circle of Kamla Nehru College, Delhi University, in collaboration with Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, successfully annual fest, Gandhi Fiesta 2024, at the college auditorium on October 15, 2024. This year's theme, "Nyutam", focused on Gandhian values of simplicity and mindfulness, exploring their relevance in today's fast-paced world.



Session during the Gandhi Fiesta 2024 conducted by Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer, GSDS.

A key highlight of the fest was the session on Mindful Living, led by Dr. Kundu. who spoke on the significance of mindfulness in modern life. He highlighted how mindfulness can serve as an antidote to the distractions and chaos of contemporary society, enhancing personal well-being, improving relationships, and contributing to peaceful communities.



GSDS also exhibited its Srijan products at Gandhi Fiesta in Kamla Nehru College.

Interaction with students of Ramanujan College October 19, 2024



Dr. Saurav Kr. Rai, Research Officer GSDS interacts with students from Ramanujan College in Gandhi Smriti.

On October 19, 2024, 30 students from Ramanujan College, University of Delhi, along with their teacher, Umesh Jha, visited the Gandhi Smriti Museum. Dr. Saurav Kumar Rai, Research Officer GSDS, engaged with the students in an interactive session. This visit proved to be a significant opportunity for the students to understand Mahatma Gandhi's life, his ideas, and his struggles.

Orientation with College Youth conducted October 22, 2024

As part of 'Taking Gandhi to Youth' initiative, interaction was conducted with almost 30 youth from Ramjas College, Delhi University who visited Gandhi

Smriti on October 22, 2024. The students, as part of 'Gandhi in Education' program, also undertook a tour of the Gandhi Smriti Museum. The students also took part in the Gandhi Quiz too. Dr. Saurav Kr. Rai, Research Officer addressed the students. Shri Rajdeep Pathak also met the students on this occasion.

Workshop on "Gandhian Nonviolent Communication" at Ladakh November 1, 2024



A workshop on 'Understanding Gandhi' in progress in Leh Ladakh.

A workshop was organized by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti in association with University of Ladakh on November 1 at the University campus on Gandhian nonviolent communication. The Programme Officer, Dr Vedabhyas Kundu conducted the workshop. Dr. Kundu highlighted that the foundational framework of Non-Violent Communication is rooted in the five pillars of Mahatma Gandhi's principles of non-violence.

Mr Gopal Singh, Principal of Bharatiya Vidya Niketan High School Choglamsar was the special guest on the occasion. About 30 faculty members and 25 students took part in the workshop. The workshop, held under visionary leadership and guidance of Vice Chancellor, UoL, Prof. S. K. Mehta, was a resounding success, meeting its objective of fostering awareness & skills in non-violent communication. Dr. Ashu Rajput, Asstt Prof in Education, moderated the session.

Youth share their perspective during exchange programme November 16-20, 2024

On November 16, 2024 NYKS in collaboration with GSDS organised an interaction engaging 116 participants as part of the 4th Kashmiri Youth Exchange

Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer conducted a session on Peace-Building with the students as part of this interactive programme. The programme included a visit to the Rashtriya Swachhta Kendra, organized by the GSDS team, showcasing India's sanitation journey. An interactive session with Delhi University students, facilitated by GSDS, delved into youth engagement, complemented by a thought-provoking session on the role of youth in propagating peace by Sh. Vedhabyas, PO, GSDS. The event served as a platform for knowledge sharing, awareness building, and inspiring action among participants.

Valedictory Address



Shri Vijay Goel, Hon'ble VC GSDS is given a warm welcome by youth from Kashmir.

The 4th Kashmiri Youth Exchange Programme from November 16-20, 2024 in collaboration with GSDS concluded with a vibrant closing ceremony at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat on November 20, 2024, graced by Sh. Vijay Goel, Vice Chairman of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (GSDS) and former union minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, as the Chief Guest.

In his address, Sh. Goel praised the natural beauty of Kashmir and highlighted the region's economic dependence on tourism. Engaging with the youth, he posed insightful questions about the makers of Lal Qila,



Shri Vijay Goel, Hon'ble VC GSDS along with GSDS Administrative Officer Shri Sanjeet Kumar join the youth from Kashmir at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.

fostering a lively interaction. He also reflecting on his tenure as a minister under former Prime Minister Sh. Atal Bihari Vajpayee, and further lauded the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi for the abrogation of Article 370, which he credited with promoting tourism and prosperity in Kashmir.

Earlier Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer GSDS and Shri Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer GSDS interacted with the youth on issues of peace, sustainability and character-building and conducted sessions on 'Viksit Bharat..



Shri Vijay Goel, VC GSDS tries a cuisine from Kashmir during the programme at Gandhi Darshan Rajghat.

Interactive Session with Office Bearers of Gandhi Study Circle convened November 16, 2024

Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti on November 16, 2024 organized an interactive session of student office bearers of Gandhi Study Circle of different colleges of Delhi University. The students from 19 colleges shared the work they are doing to promote Gandhian philosophy, and the joint programs they want to do with Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti. Director, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, Dr Jwala Prasad complimented the students for their initiatives and the zeal to take up innovative programs with the Samiti.



A participant shares her perspective at interactive session in Gandhi Darshan, as guests on dais listen with all ears.

Frame by Frame festival reflects creativity of youth participants November 19, 2024

Delhi School of Journalism in collaboration with Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti inaugurated the International Film Festival "Frame by Frame" at Satyakam Bhavan, Faculty of Social Sciences, Delhi University on November 19, 2024 in the presence of Mr Senthil Rajan Joint Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Dr Atul Kothari, National Secretary, National Secretary of Shiksha Sanskriti Utthan Nyas (SSUN), Shri Sushil Bahuguna, Executive Editor, NDTV.



Shri Vijay Goel, Hon'ble VC GSDS is seen giving away the trophy to the winners of the film festival in Delhi University.

Hon'ble Vice Chairman GSDS, Shri Vijay Goel was the chief guest at the valedictory function. On this occasion, he also distributed prizes and certificates to the winners of the film festival in different categories. Mr. Atul Kothari, National Secretary of Shiksha Sanskriti Utthan Nyas in New Delhi, Shri Balram Pani, Dean, South Campus, Delhi University, Shri Anil Kumar, RSS Uttar Bharat Prachar Pramukh, Prof. J P Dubey, Director, Delhi School of Journalism and Dr. Atul Gautam of DSJ and others were present on this occasion.

Interactions with DU students November 5, 2025

As part of the "Taking Gandhi to Youth" initiative, around 10 students of the Institute of Home Economics (IHE), University of Delhi visited the Gandhi Smriti Museum at Gandhi Smriti on November 5, 2024. On this occasion, a Gandhi Quiz was organized in which the students participated enthusiastically and all the winners were presented with Antimjan Patrika as prizes.

Further, students of Sri Venkateshwara College, Delhi University visited Gandhi Smriti and were given a guided tour of the museum. An interaction was also held with them on this occasion.

Dialogue on International Volunteers Day 2024

December 5, 2024

On December 5, 2024, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti organized a dialogue at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat, to mark the celebration of International Volunteer Day. Shri Rajesh Asthana, a renowned filmmaker and actor portraying Pt. Rajkumar Shukla in the upcoming film “Champan Satyagraha”, graced the event as the distinguished guest. Dr. Jwala Prasad, Director of GSDS, shared his insights on Mahatma Gandhi’s philosophy and the enduring spirit of volunteering. Shri Rajesh Asthana also addressed the gathering, reflecting on the essence of service.



Shri Rajesh Asthana lighting the ceremonial lamp in Gandhi Darshan Rajghat, as Dr. Jwala Prasad and Shri Sanjeet Kumar look on.

Shri Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer of GSDS, provided a deeper understanding of the importance of volunteering and its relevance in celebrating International Volunteer Day and the spirit of service and welfare of the community which Gandhi epitomized.

Celebration of National Youth Day January 12, 2025

On January 12, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti commemorated the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda by celebrating National Youth Day. A special program titled “Gandhipreneur - The Ideology of Swadeshi and Self-Reliance of Mahatma Gandhi” was organized in collaboration with ‘Our Mitti Foundation’ to mark the occasion. The event was inaugurated by Dr. Jwala Prasad, Director of the Samiti, who addressed university students and highlighted Mahatma Gandhi’s philosophy of Swadeshi and self-employment as a means of achieving self-reliance and economic independence.

The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from youth representing various colleges,

who shared their innovative entrepreneurial ideas inspired by Gandhian principles. The event, organized in collaboration with Our Mitti Foundation, provided a platform for young minds to explore and discuss the relevance of Gandhi’s ideas in modern entrepreneurship, fostering a spirit of self-reliance among the next generation.



Youth participants join the distinguished gathering at the discussion on entrepreneurship and Viksit Bharat in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.

Workshop on “Integrating Gandhian Values in Classroom Management Practices January 23, 2025

As a tribute to 128th birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti conducted a workshop on “Integrating Gandhian Values in Classroom Management Practices” for 120 teachers from nine states of India from Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT) at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat on January 23 2025. The programme began by paying a musical tribute to Netaji by Shri Himanshu Kumar.

Dr. Jwala Prasad addressed the gathering on this occasion on the history of the freedom struggle and the contribution of Netaji. Shri Sanjeet Kumar welcomed the gathering and highlighted the significant role of the Indian National Army in the freedom movement.

Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu conducted the thematic workshop for the teachers on this occasion. The teachers were also given a guided tour of the museums in Gandhi Darshan. They later visited the Gandhi Smriti Museum at Tees January Marg. The workshop explored the

practical application of principles like non-violence, truthfulness, self-reliance, and respect within the classroom environment. A guided tour of the teachers at the Gandhi Darshan Museums and later at Gandhi Smriti Museum was organized by GSDS.



Participants from CCRT visited the Gandhi Darshan museum at Rajghat and Gandhi Smriti museum at Tees January Marg as part of this training programme.

Interaction with students of Gandhi Study Circle January 31, 2025



Dr. Saurav Kumar Rai, Research Officer GSDS is seen interacting with students during their visit.

On January 31, 2025, students and faculty members from the Gandhi Study Circle of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur (SGTB) Khalsa College, Delhi University, visited Gandhi Smriti. The visit was aimed at deepening their understanding of Mahatma Gandhi's life, philosophy, and contributions to India's freedom struggle. On this occasion, Dr. Saurav Kr Rai interacted with the students and faculty members.

Orientation programme on "Understanding Gandhi in Praxis" February 12, 2025

As part of Guru Ravidas Jayanti on February 12, 2025, Dr Jwala Prasad, Director of Gandhi Smriti and

Darshan Samiti addressed a large number of students from the Department of Sanskrit, Hindu College Delhi University at Darshan Rajghat where he underlined the principles of truth and nonviolence and important role of Gurus in our lives. The other distinguished guests were from Dept of Sanskrit, Hindu College whom Dr Jwala Prasad welcomed on this occasion. They included Prof. Vijay Garg, Prof. Rajendra Kumar, Dr. Jagmogan, Dr Sunil Joshi and Prof. Durgesh Mishra who also addressed the young students.



Youth participants join for a group photograph in Gandhi Darshan Rajghat after their orientation programme.

A session on 'Volunteerism' was conducted by Dr Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer on this occasion. Mr. Shakeel Khan also spoke on 'Anger Management'. Earlier the students visited the exhibition halls in Gandhi Darshan and they also took part in the Gandhi Quiz.

Tribal Youth Exchange Programme with NYKS organised February 20-25, 2025



Dr. Jwala Prasad, Director GSDS is seen addressing the youth participant at the Tribal Youth Exchange Programme.

About 250 youth from five states such as Kashmir, Chattisgarh, Gujarat, Odisha, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh took part in the "Tribal Youth Exchange" programme that was organized by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti and Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan from February 20-25, 2025.

In the inaugural function, the chief guest, Smt Asha Lakra, Member, ST Commission, Government of India stressed on the importance of knowledge, character building and unity.

Director, GSDS, Dr Jwala Prasad stressed on the importance of inculcating Gandhian values like speaking and acting on truth, self-discipline, ahimsa, honesty, and taking up ethical actions.

Dialogue on 'Promoting Gandhian Values in Digital Age' February 25, 2025

As part of the series "Understanding Gandhi in Praxis", Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti organized a dialogue on 'Promoting Gandhian Values in Digital Age' in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat on February 25, 2025, which was attended by almost 60 young students representing various colleges under Delhi University such as Kamla Nehru College, Gargi College, ARSD College, Hindu College, LSR College and Dayal Singh College. The workshop was conducted by Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer GSDS. Dr. Saurav Kr. Rai, Research Officer GSDS also interacted with the participants. The participants also took part in the Gandhi Quiz on this occasion and also visited the Gandhi Darshan Museums.



Participants at the interactive session in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.

Workshop on 'Essence of Volunteerism and its Positive Impact in Indian Society' Organized March 22, 2025

Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (GSDS), as part of its ongoing "Understanding Gandhi in Praxis" series, organized a workshop on "Essence of Volunteerism

and its Positive Impact in Indian Society" at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat, on March 22, 2025. The event was attended by students from the National Service Scheme (NSS) wing of Hindu College, Delhi University.

Shri Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer, GSDS, addressed the gathering, emphasizing the role of individuals in contributing towards societal welfare and the vision of 'Viksit Bharat 2047'.

Prof. Neelam Singh from the Department of Hindi, Hindu College, urged participants to move beyond theoretical knowledge and apply Mahatma Gandhi's principles in real-life scenarios. She emphasized the values of truth and honesty in work, cautioning against the modern-day obsession with publicity.

Dr. Pallav Nandwana, Programme Officer, NSS Wing, highlighted Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy of service through sacrifice. He elaborated on the various initiatives of the NSS wing at Hindu College, which has actively worked in areas such as sanitation, self-help groups, orphanages, support for differently-abled children, and blood donation drives. He noted that the wing has successfully broken many societal barriers through its dedicated service.



(Above): Administrative Officer GSDS, Shri Sanjeet Kumar is seen addressing the participants at the dialogue.

(Below): Shri Sanjeet Kumar presents Dr. Pallav Nandwanaa Gandhi Charkha, as Prof. Neelam Singh (R) and Dr. Saurav Kr. Rai (L) joins this session.

PROGRAMMES FOR WOMEN

- * National Girl Child Day celebrated with slum children
- * 81st Kasturba Nirvan Diwas organised
- * Inter-faith prayer on 'Peace' as part of 'International Women's Day'
- * Lecture on International Women's Day on Gender Equality
- * Orientation Programme on 'Conflict Transformation and Peer Mediation in Schools'

**National Girl Child Day celebrated
January 24, 2025**



Young participants at the celebrations of the National Girl Child Day in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.

As part of National Girl Child Day, 70 children from different slums who are part of ‘Jamghat’ visited Gandhi Darshan on January 24, 2025. The Director, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, Dr Jwala Prasad interacted with the students and talked about the importance of inculcating values of truthfulness, importance of education and cleanliness.

They were also told about the importance of Republic Day. The children performed a few patriotic songs and dance on the occasion. Former Administrative Officer GSDS Shri Ajay Kumar Jha also interacted with the students. Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer GSDS also conducted a session with the participants.

**81st Kasturba Nirvan Diwas organised
February 22, 2025**

650 participants from almost 25 institutions from different colleges and schools of Delhi and NCR including Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) took part in a grand programme as part of 81st Kasturba Nirvan Divas organised by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat. The chief guest on this occasion was Prof. Manisha Pandey, from Department of Political Science, Hindu College, Delhi University. The guest of honour was Dr. Priti Sharma, HoD Students Welfare, Asia Law College, NOIDA.



*(Above): Young school children join to pay tribute to Kasturba Gandhi.
(Below): Prof. Manisha Pandey (Inset) from Hindu College shares her perspective on women empowerment to an attentive gathering.*

A conclave on “Role of Young Women in Viksit Bharat” was organised. Several performances which included Street Plays, cultural presentations of Tribal dance from Odisha and Chattisgarh enthralled the audience. A Town Hall discussing the theme of the convention was coordinated by Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer GSDS and moderated by Dr. Priti Sharma. Shri Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer GSDS.

**Inter-faith prayer on Peace as part of
International Women’s Day 2025
March 10, 2025**

On the occasion of International Women’s Day, an interfaith prayer meeting was organized on March 10, 2025, at Gandhi Smriti. This special event was jointly hosted by the Guild for Service and the War Widows Association in collaboration with Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti. The primary objective of this programme was to honour women’s contributions,



their strength, and their crucial role in society. President Guild for Service Dr. Meera Khanna was present on this occasion.

International Women’s Day celebrated Nava Durga in Action: Experts Discuss Pathways to Gender Equality

March 12, 2025

Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (GSDS) organized a Round Table on “Accelerating Action on Gender Equality” at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat, on March 12, 2025, as part of the International Women’s Day Week celebrations. The panel featured experts from diverse fields, including sports, journalism, education, theatre, medicine, environmental studies, law, and civil services. The session was chaired by Ms. Pallavi Prashant Holkar, Director, GSDS who also delivered the presidential address.



Director (i/c) GSDS Ms. Pallavi Prashant Holkar shares her thoughts during the seminar on ‘Gender Equality’ in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.

In her presidential address, Ms. Pallavi Prashant Holkar stressed the fundamental importance of choice in a woman’s life, stating, “Choice is crucial, but it is equally important to understand how choices are defined.” Drawing from personal experiences, she discussed the gradual progress toward gender equality and the necessity of instilling confidence in girls from an early age.

The distinguished speakers included Dr. Sunita Godara, Asian Marathon Champion, who emphasized

the importance of women’s safety and security in sports while encouraging women to raise their voices. Ms. Aditi Mohan, Senior Advocate at the High Court, highlighted the role of women in the judiciary, the existing gender disparity in legal spheres, and the need for more women in mediation processes.

The speakers unanimously reiterated the commitment of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. To accelerate change, the Beijing+30 Action Agenda outlines six urgent priorities, including bridging the digital gender divide, eradicating violence against women, ensuring equal political representation, and securing climate justice for women.

The event witnessed the participation of teachers, educators, theatre artistes, professionals from the field of art, school and college students, and NGO heads. Adding to the vibrancy of the programme were performances of Rhythmic Gymnastics and Martial Arts by a team from Health Fitness Trust, along with a soulful Bhajan Sandhya by Bala Kartik including a monologue by children from Andhra Education Society School.

Orientation programme on “Conflict Transformation and Peer Mediation in Schools”

March 29, 2025

Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti organized an orientation programme in “Conflict Transformation and Peer Mediation in Schools” for the school teachers of St. Giri School Rohini in Gandhi Darshan Rajghat. 50 female teachers took part in the workshop on conflict management in classrooms, peer mediation, conducted by Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer GSDS. Dr. Saurav Rai, Research Officer welcomed the gathering and shared his ideas on parental care vis-à-vis children’s perception.



Glimpses of the orientation programme in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.

PROGRAMMES TO PROMOTE HINDI

- * Workshop to Promote use of Hindi Language
- * Meeting of Rajbhasha convened
- * Competitions as part of Hindi Pakhwara

Workshop to Promote use of Hindi Language organized June 11, 2024



(Above): Shri Shishir Sharma, Dy. Director of Official Language Department, Ministry of Culture attends the workshop in Gandhi Darshan, as Dr. Jwala Prasad, felicitates him during the workshop, (Below).

A workshop to promote the use of Hindi language in daily functioning of the office, was organized on June 11, 2024 by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat. The workshop focused on encouraging employees to use Hindi in their official work, reflecting the importance of the language in government operations. The Deputy Director of the Official Language Department of the Ministry of Culture, Shri Shishir Sharma, who was the chief guest on the occasion, guided the participants on effective usage of Hindi in their daily tasks.

Dr. Jwala Prasad, Director GSDS, presided over the programme. In his address, he emphasized the cultural significance of Hindi and its role in unifying the country. He remarked that Hindi is not just a language but a symbol of our rich cultural heritage and unity. Embracing Hindi in our official work fosters a deeper connection with our roots and strengthens national integration.

Shri Shishir Sharma, in his address, highlighted practical aspects and the importance of the official language in administrative functions. He stated that working in Hindi not only streamlines our administrative processes but also brings us closer to the citizens we serve. It is imperative that we take pride in using our

official language and set an example for others to follow. The event saw participation from various staff members, including Programme Officer GSDS Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu and Research Officer Dr. Saurav Kr Rai.

Meeting of Rajbhasha Convened August 5, 2024



(Above): Director GSDS, Dr. Jwala Prasad chairs a session on Rajbhasha in Gandhi Darshan with the GSDS staff, (Below).

The quarterly Rajbhasha meeting of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti was held at Gandhi Darshan under the chairmanship of Director, GSDS, Dr. Jwala Prasad on August 5, 2024. The main objective of this meeting was to discuss the promotion of Hindi language and its effective use in the work of the Samiti. In the meeting, emphasis was laid on promoting the use of Hindi, ensuring maximum use of Hindi in all official documents and communication of the GSDS. She Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer GSDS was also present on this occasion.

Also, it was considered to organize Hindi language training programs for employees and members so that their grip on Hindi language can be strengthened. Efforts to make various publications, booklets and online content of the committee available in Hindi were also discussed, so that the message and activities of the GSDS can be effectively conveyed to the Hindi speaking public.

In addition, plans were made to organize special programs on Hindi Diwas and other important occasions. Increasing the availability of Hindi content on

the website and social media platforms of the GSDS was also discussed, which will help Hindi language users to easily understand the activities and information of the Samiti. In order to strengthen the translation services, a proposal was made to form a special translation service team which will ensure translation of the important documents and materials of the committee into Hindi.

Director Dr Jwala Prasad lauded the translation of the manual on juvenile homes by GSDS in Hindi and also motivated all the members for the widespread use and promotion of Hindi and at the end of the meeting appealed to everyone to work together towards the increased use of Hindi.

HINDI PAKHWARA

1. On September 17, 2024, a speech competition on “Gandhi ke sapno ko sakaar karti viksit bharat ki avdharna” was held in both Gandhi Darshan and Gandhi Smriti respectively.



GSDS participants enthusiastically took part in Hindi Pakhwara competitions in Gandhi Smriti and Gandhi Darshan Rajghat.

2. On September 19, 2024 under the Hindi Fortnight and Swachhata Fortnight being celebrated by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti. The topic for essay writing competition was - Cleanliness is Service. A large number of employees participated in this competition organized in both Gandhi Smriti and Gandhi Darshan campuses.

3. A self-composed poetry writing competition was held today on September 21, 2024 in the Hindi Pakhwada 2024 organized by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti. On this occasion, the staff members of the Samiti put their feelings on paper on the topic ‘Cleanliness is service’.

4. A poetry recitation competition was organized by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti on 24th September. In this competition organized on the topic of cleanliness and patriotism, the employees of the GSDS displayed their poetic talent.



Prize Distribution Ceremony



Dr. Jwala Prasad, Director GSDS awards a certificate of appreciation to Smt. Indu Devi as Shri Sanjeet Kumar and Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu join the celebration.

Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti organized the prize-distribution ceremony of the Hindi Pakhwara competition organized during September 2024 in Gandhi Smriti on December 18, 2024. Director GSDS, Dr. Jwala Prasad, who presided over the programme, distributed the prizes to the enthusiastic staff on this occasion and shared his perspectives on the use of Hindi as a language of communication. Shri Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer GSDS was also present on this occasion and gave an outline of the significance of adopting Hindi as a medium of linguafranca. Dr. Saurav Kr Rai proposed the vote of thank on this occasion.

Further, on December 19, 2024, at a programme in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat, Dr Jwala Prasad, along with Dr Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer and Shri Sanjeet Kumar Administrative Officer gave away the certificates to the winners of the Hindi Pakhwara competition in different categories also.

HAR GHAR TIRANGA ABHIYAAN

- * Awareness Campaigns
- * Training on Official Procedures
- * Buniyadi Vidyalaya Champaran students take part in Tiranga Yatra
- * Art and Quiz Competitions at Rajkiya Buniyadi Vidyalaya Champaran
- * Youth Leadership Programme organised
- * Seminar on Khadi and Women
- * Competitions as part of Hindi Pakhwara
- * Community Engagement Programmes

The 'Har Ghar Tiranga' initiative, a nationwide campaign under the aegis of the Government of India, sought to invoke a sense of patriotism and unity among citizens by encouraging them to hoist the National Flag at their homes. Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (GSDS), committed to promoting Gandhian values, actively participated in this initiative as part of the commemoration and continuation of Azadi Ka Amrit Kal

OBJECTIVE

The primary objective of GSDS's participation in the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign was to spread awareness about the significance of the National Flag, instill a sense of pride among citizens, and foster a spirit of unity and patriotism, aligning with the broader vision of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

I. GSDS launched an extensive awareness campaign through social media platforms, music videos, citizens' to educate people about the historical and emotional significance of the Tiranga.

II. Informative sessions were conducted in various schools, colleges, and community centers, emphasizing the importance of the national flag and its correct usage.

III. GSDS set up various points for visitors from different parts of India and the world to the museums at Gandhi Smriti (Tees January Marg) and Gandhi Darshan (Rajghat) where the visitors willingly joined the GSDS team in celebrating the flavor of Independence by holding the National Flag.

IV. Selfie points were created in which these visitors joined in ecstatic celebrations in taking selfies with the National Flag and cherishing each moment of freedom

V. The GSDS staff also took part along with their families in joining this celebration by hoisting the National Flag in their respective homes.

Hundreds of students and youth take part in Har Ghar Tirana Padyatra August 9, 2024

Over 800 children took part in the 'Har Ghar Tiranga Padyatra' August 9, 2024 This Padyatra, organized on the occasion of 82nd anniversary of Quit

India Movement on the call of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, started from Gandhi Vatika at Rajghat and concluded at Charti Lal Goyal Heritage Park near Red Fort. Joint Secretary of Ministry of Culture, Smt. Amita Prasad Sarabhai who was the chief guest on this occasion, flagged off this Padyatra.



Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Smt. Amita Prasad Sarbhai (Member Secy. GSDS), flags off the Har Ghar Tiranga padyatra from Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat joined by hundreds of participants.

The schoolchildren energized the atmosphere with patriotic fervor as they marched from Ring Road through the old city, culminating at Charti Lal Goel Heritage Park near the Red Fort. The procession featured bands from various schools and was led by all-female NCC Cadets who chanted slogans against persistent social evils, urging a call for change. The event was marked by enthusiastic slogans such as "Har Ghar Tiranga" and vibrant cultural presentations, drawing in members of the civil society and creating a strong sense of patriotism throughout this part of the Capital City.

Smt. Amita P. Sarbhai, who was the chief guest, also administered the Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan pledge to the participants, urging everyone to honour and respect the Tricolour in all circumstances.

Former professor of Delhi University and senior environmentalist Dr. Anuradha Sharma also appealed

people to plant trees and take care of them for their survival. Earlier, Administrative Officer of Gandhi Smriti, Shri Sanjeet Kumar delivered the welcome address on this occasion.



Glimpses from the Har Ghar Tiranga Padyatra organised by GSDS.

Training on the Official Procedures, discipline and Conduct Rules' conducted August 9, 2024

As part of the 'Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan a 'Tiranga Samvad' was organised by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti on August 9, 2024 for the staff members on the functioning of the office procedures and conduct. Titled 'Training on the Official Procedures, discipline and Conduct Rules' this training was provided by Sh Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer, GSDS. Dr Jwala Prasad, Director GSDS presided over the programme. Sharing his perspectives with the staff Dr Jwala Prasad urged them to carry on their duties with commitment.

The training session was meticulously designed to deepen the staff's comprehension of the essential office protocols and ensure their effective implementation in day-to-day operations. It was not merely about reiterating the rules but about cultivating a culture where these protocols are understood, respected, and seamlessly integrated into the workflow. By emphasizing the importance of these procedures, the training aimed to empower employees with the knowledge and tools necessary to navigate the complexities of office administration with confidence and efficiency. This approach ensures that all staff members are not only aware of the rules that govern their conduct but also

appreciate the rationale behind them, fostering a work environment rooted in discipline, clarity, and mutual respect.



Shri Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer GSDS conducts the training on Conduct Rules in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.

Tiranga Yatra at Buniyadi Vidyalaya Champaran August 9, 2024

On August 9, 2024, Gandhian teachers and students of Government Basic School Sirisiya Adda, West Champaran, Bihar, took part in the Tiranga Padyatra under the Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan in Chaudhur Tola, Vriti Tola and Naya Basti.



Children and teachers of Buniyadi Vidyalaya Champaran partake in Tiranga Yatra in Champaran, Bihar.

Art and Quiz Competitions at Rajkiya Buniyadi Vidyalaya, Champaran August 12, 2024

On August 12, 2024, Rajkiya Buniyadi Vidyalaya at Kumarbagh Brindavan Ashram in Champaran hosted a vibrant and educational event, featuring an Art Competition and a Quiz Contest.

The Art Competition witnessed enthusiastic participation from students across various grades. The theme for the competition was centered around "India's Freedom Struggle and Its Heroes." Students displayed their creativity through a range of artworks, including paintings, sketches,



and posters, vividly depicting historical events, national leaders, and symbols of India's independence movement.

Simultaneously, a Quiz Competition was organized, focusing on general knowledge, current affairs, and the history of India's independence. Teams of students competed in a series of rounds, answering questions that tested their knowledge and quick thinking. The quiz covered a wide range of topics, from significant historical events to contemporary issues, ensuring a comprehensive test of the participants' knowledge.

Youth Leadership Programme organised August 12, 2024

As part of the "Youth Leadership Programme" towards 'Understanding Gandhi' and taking forward the 'Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyaan', Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti organised a dialogue with participating youth from seven states of India in Gandhi Smriti on August 12, 2024. The dialogue was organised as part of the 'International Youth Day 2024' also. The delegation was led by former Member of Parliament and Member Programme Committee GSDS, Shri Pradeep Gandhi. Representatives from seven states such as Maharashtra, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Hyderabad, Rajasthan took part.



Mr. Joost Geijer Economic Cpnseelor of the Embassy of Netherlands addressing the gathering of students. Also seen are Shri Pradeep Gandhi and Shri Sanjeet Kumar in Gandhi Smriti.

On this occasion, Mr. Joost Geijer Economic Counselor of the Embassy of the Kingdom of

Netherlands in India was the key speaker who spoke on energy efficiency, trade linkages between India and the Netherlands and the concept of Mahatma Gandhi's vision of universality. Ms. Priya Joshi, Senior Policy Advisor (Climate and Energy) from the Embassy of the Kingdom of Netherlands in India also shared her perspectives on this occasion.



Participants join for a group photograph with the distinguished guests in Gandhi Smriti.

Shri Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer GSDS welcomed the guests on this occasion. He spoke on the relevance and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi and its significance in the present day global context which is approaching towards sustainability.

Seminar on Khadi and Women organized August 14, 2024



Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyaan being celebrated in I.P. College for Women by GSDS, where a live demonstration on Charkha was organised.

As part of 'National Handloom Day 2024' and 'Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyaan', Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti & Indraprastha College for Women, Delhi University organized a seminar on 'Khadi and Women' on August 14, 2024. The Key Note address was delivered by senior social worker and former professor of Delhi University, Dr Kashmiri Lal of Swadeshi Jagran Manch. He talked about the important role played by women in the freedom struggle and the swadeshi andolan. He gave an exposition of how Mahatma Gandhi motivated lakhs of women to take to spinning, an expression of self-reliance.

The Director, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, Dr Jwala Prasad underlined on why khadi was the symbol of national unity. He talked about how through charkha spinning women contributed to the freedom struggle.

Also present was the Principal of IP College for Women, Prof Poonam Kumaria, the Convenor of the Gandhi Study Circle, Dr Rajiv Gupta and the Convenor of the Women Development Cell, Dr Chetna Gupta. GSDS put up a stall of books, and Khadi items. Besides, there was a programme of Charkha demonstration by Ms. Renu of GSDS.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

I.GSDS collaborated with local NGOs, resident welfare associations, and community leaders to ensure widespread participation in the initiative, especially during the Tiranga Yatra where children from different schools gave musical presentations.

II.Special emphasis was placed on involving over 600 children who were encouraged to create art, slogans, and poems around the theme of the Tiranga in alignment with Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyaan.

III.Campion Runners from Health Fitness Trust led by former Asian Marathon Champion Dr. Sunita Godara also joined this initiative in different parts of the Capital City with the National Flag, raising slogans on patriotism, and thereby joining the GSDS initiative.

IMPACT AND OUTREACH

I.The initiative received overwhelming support, with hundreds of children households in Delhi and NCR participating in the campaign.

II.The Social Media Handles of GSDS regularly

updated the news, reports, events organized by the GSDS during this time, thereby reaching out to different sections of the society.



Celebration of Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyaan by GSDS with full enthusiasm.

SWACHHATA HI SEVA CAMPAIGN 4.0

- * Swachhatta drive in Gandhi Darshan
- * Inauguration of Exhibition on Gandhi and Swachhatta
- * Lecture on Swabhav Swachhata, Sanskaar Swachhata
- * Swachhatta Abhiyaan in Gandhi Darshan and Gandhi Smriti
- * KIIT World School, Gurugram organises programme on Swachhata with GSDS
- * Swachhatta Abhiyaan initiated at Majlis Park
- * Swachhatta Hi Seva with Mata Sundari College
- * Swachhatta initiative undertaken in Sarai Kale Khan
- * 350 children from 40 schools of Delhi and NCR administers the Swachhatta Pledge
- * K R Mangalam World School, Vikaspuri join Swachhata Abhiyan with GSDS
- * Workshop on 'Swabhav Swachhta Sanskar Swachhta' at Gyan Shakti Vidyalaya, Noida - A Jan Bhagidaari Initiative
- * Story-telling Competition organized
- * Poster-Making Competition Held at Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti as Part of "Swachhata Hi Seva 2024" Campaign
- * Medicinal plant distributed by CPWD as part of Swachhatta Initiative
- * 250 students from 14 MCD schools join Swachhata 4.0 drive in Gandhi Darshan
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As part of the Government of India's Special Campaign 4.0 initiative on Swachhata, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (GSDS) has undertaken a comprehensive cleanliness drive throughout the month of October 2024. Director GSDS Dr. Jwala Prasad highlighted the importance of the campaign and also the importance laid by Mahatma Gandhi towards sanitation. The campaign has been actively implemented across various sections of Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat, and Gandhi Smriti at Tees January Marg from October 1 to 31, 2024. Even during Sunday's, residents of the GSDS engaged in cleaning the Gandhi Darshan campus with full zeal and enthusiasm.

Sh. Vijay Goel leads Swachhata drive in Gandhi Darshan September 17, 2024



Shri Vijay Goel, Hon'ble VC GSDS administers the Swachhata Pledge to the participants.

On the birthday of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Vice Chairman Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, Shri Vijay Goel inaugurated the Swachhata hi Seva 2024 campaign at Gandhi Darshan on September 17, 2024 by leading a Swachhata drive in the premises and also planted trees on this occasion dedicating it as part of Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam. GSDS Programme Committee Member, Mr Rajkumar Sharma was also present on the occasion along with Shri Mamchand Sharma, Delhi State Secretary, Saksham.

All the staff of the Samiti and volunteers of Saksham, an organization working for the specially abled took part in the swachhata programme. A large number of plants were planted on the occasion.

On this occasion, Shri Vijay Goel administered the Swachhata Pledge to all the staff and other guests present and also requested everybody present to make swachhata an integral part of their daily habits.

Inauguration of Exhibition on Gandhi and Swachhata September 17, 2024

As part of 'Swachhata Hi Seva' 2024 campaign, Vice Chairman GSDS, Shri Vijay Goel along with Director, Dr Jwala Prasad inaugurated an exhibition on "Mahatma Gandhi and Swachhata" in the Gandhi Darshan premises at Rajghat. Through 16 photographic display, the visitors can engage themselves into understanding the importance of the sanitation in our daily lives and how Mahatma Gandhi advocated this whole concept in his mission.



Shri Vijay Goel, Hon'ble VC GSDS along with Dr. Jwala Prasad, Director GSDS views the exhibition on "Mahatma Gandhi and Swachhata" in Gandhi Darshan.

Lecture on "Swabhav Swachhata, Sanskaar Swachhata" September 17, 2024

The Samiti on September 17, 2024, organized a special lecture on Swabhav Swachhata, Sanskaar Swachhata as part of Swachhata Hi Seva 2024 campaign. The lecture was delivered by Shri Mamchand Sharma, Delhi State Secretary, Saksham an organization working for the differently abled. In his address, Shri Sharma underlined the importance of inner cleanliness. Director, GSDS, Dr Jwala Prasad spoke on the need to imbibe the spirit of swachhata in all our habits and attitudes.

Swachhata Abhiyaan in Gandhi Darshan and Gandhi Smriti September 2024

In September 2024, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti actively participated in the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign, organizing cleanliness drives across key areas of Gandhi Smriti at Tees January Marg and Gandhi Darshan at Rajghat. As part of the initiative, significant efforts were made to clean the surroundings of the World Peace Gong and inside the museum at Gandhi Smriti,

ensuring that the area is well-maintained and inviting for visitors. These efforts reflect the institution's ongoing commitment to maintaining cleanliness and hygiene in line with Mahatma Gandhi's values of sanitation and service to society.



KIIT World School, Gurugram organises programme on Swachhata with GSDS September 18, 2024

Swachhata Pledge programme was initiated by the Sadbhavna Peace Club of KIIT World School in different classes of the School on September 18, 2024. The Sadbhavna Peace Club is an initiative of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti to promote peace works and nonviolence amongst children of the School.



Children of KIIT World School, join for the Swachhata Pledge.

Swachhata Abhiyaan at Majlis Park September 18, 2024



Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti on September 18, 2024 organized a Jan Bhagidaari program amongst children of a slum in Majlis Park, New Delhi. During

the program, “Mindfulness Meditation” workshop was conducted for inner cleanliness.

A plantation drive was also conducted on this occasion by the children and their coordinators along with GSDS Programme Officer Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu and Mr. Shakeel Khan. Dr. Vedabhyas also administered a Pledge on “Swabhaav Swachhta Sanskaar Swachhta” to the participants. The enthusiastic children also performed a skit on swachhta.

Swachhata Hi Seva with Mata Sundari College September 21, 2024

Under Swachhata Hi Seva and to commemorate International Peace Day, the Samiti and Gandhi Study Mandal of Mata Sundari College, Delhi University jointly organized an open mic poetry and music competition on the theme “Swabhaav Swachhata Sanskar Swachhata” on September 21, 2024. During the program, all the participants also took the Swachhata Pledge.



Cultural presentation by students of Mata Sundari College.

Swachhata initiative undertaken in Sarai Kale Khan September 24, 2024



Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, as part of the jan bhagidaari initiative, organized a workshop on September 24, 2024, titled ‘Swabhav Swachhta Sanskar Swachhta’ in a slum in Sarai Kale Khan. During this program, a cleaning drive was conducted by the slum children. Later, Mr. Shakeel Khan led the session on ‘Swabhav Swachhta Sanskar Swachhta’.

350 children from 40 schools of Delhi and NCR administers the Swachhata Pledge September 25, 2024



The Samiti on September 25, 2024 organized a swachhata pledge programme for 350 school children in Gandhi Darshan. Also some students shared their views on the importance of swachhata. Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer GSDS administered the pledge to the children.

K R Mangalam World School, Vikaspuri join Swachhata Abhiyan with GSDS September 27, 2024



As part of the Swachhata Hi Seva initiative, the Swachhata Pledge was administered to the students of K R Mangalam World School, Vikaspuri in Gandhi Smriti on September 27, 2024.

Workshop on 'Swabhav Swachhta Sanskar Swachhta' at Gyan Shakti Vidyalaya, Noida September 27, 2024



As part of the Jan Bhagidaari initiative, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti organized a workshop on September 27, 2024, titled 'Swabhav Swachhta Sanskar Swachhta' at Gyan Shakti Vidyalaya, NOIDA. The event featured a cleaning drive conducted by children, followed by an engaging interactive session led by Mr. Shakeel Khan and Mr. Sameer, which emphasized the importance of cleanliness and moral values.

Story-telling Competition organized September 28, 2024



On September 28, 2024 organized a story-telling Competition on swabhav swachhata sanskaar swachhata for students of different colleges of Delhi and NCR. The students shared their self-written stories on the theme of the competition. Kashish Chowdhary of Lady Irwin College won the first prize while Salony Jha from Mata Sundari College got the second prize; Anjali Diwakar got the third prize in the competition.

Poster-Making Competition Held at Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti September 29, 2024



Hundreds of children from over 20 schools of Delhi and NCR took part in a poster-making competition in Gandhi Darshan, Rajgaht, organized by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti on September 29, 2024, as part of the nationwide "Swachhata Hi Seva 2024" campaign.

The theme of the competition, "Innate Cleanliness, Cultural Cleanliness," aimed to inspire

young minds to creatively express the importance of cleanliness in their behaviour, culture, and daily habits.

Medicinal plant distributed by CPWD as part of Swachhata Initiative October 14, 2024

Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti in collaboration with CPWD distributed free medicinal plants like Amla, Neem, etc, at Gandhi Smriti on October 14, 2024 under the Special Campaign 4.0. The general public also participated in it enthusiastically. The aim of this initiative is not only to protect the environment but also to create awareness about the importance of cleanliness.



CPWD officials distributing medicinal plants to GSDS staff in Gandhi Smriti.

On October 22, 2024, approximately 250 students from 14 schools under the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) and the Delhi Government visited Gandhi Darshan as part of an Swachhata 4.0 Campaign to instill Gandhian values in young minds.

In order to create awareness on swachhata and different values which Bapu espoused for amongst children, a programme was organized involving children of S S Public School, Nathupura, Delhi, on October 23, 2024 at Gandhi Darshan. About 80 students took part in the programme and performed plays, songs and poetry on Bapu and swachhata.



Children of Manav Bhawana Public School, Burari are seen making a cultural presentation as part of Campaign 4.0.

In an enthralling performance to promote the concept of swachhata amongst children, about 70 students of Manav Bhawana Public School Nathu Pura took part in the GSDS initiative as part of Special Campaign 4.0 on October 24, 2024, at Gandhi Darshan. The students also gave performances on different Gandhian values. Ten teachers also took part in the programme.

In a programme organized in Gandhi Darshan on October 26, 2024 to promote Gandhian values and swachhata amongst students, about 50 students from KAMS Convent performed different cultural items and delivered speeches on these values. The Principal of the School, Smt Sonia Saini announced the formation of the Samiti's 'Gandhi Peace Club' in the school to take up different activities to promote Gandhian philosophy amongst the students.



Children and faculty members of KAMS school partake in Campaign 4.0. in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.

On October 27, 2024, under the supervision of Mr. Mohit Mohan, Office Supervisor, GSDS a swachhata drive was initiated in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat during which massive cleanliness drive was undertaken, in which the residents of Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat joined in cleaning the campus.



Children performing street plays and presenting classical dance as part of the Swachhata Campaign 4.0 in Gandhi Darshan.

On **October 28, 2024** organized a workshop-cultural programme for three branches of Andhra School in Delhi- ITO, R K Puram and Prasad Nagar. The students performed street plays on swachhata, and delivered speeches. The Director, Dr Jwala Prasad spoke extensively on the importance of Gandhian values and the need to imbibe these for a better world. He complimented the students for their sterling performances.

On **October 29, 2024**, Dr. Jwala Prasad, Director of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, addressed around 250 children and teachers from S.R. Capital Public School, Naveen Shahdara at Gandhi Smriti as part of the Government of India's Special Campaign 4.0.



Children and faculty members of S R Capital Public School join for a group photograph with Director GSDS, Dr. Jwala Prasad in Gandhi Smriti carrying slogans and paintings on Swachhata.

The students presented cultural performances themed around women's empowerment and nationalism, showcasing their talents and commitment to these values. Additionally, they displayed posters, slogans, and drawings on Swachhata (cleanliness), proudly exhibiting their creative contributions to the campaign's goals. Dr. Prasad also gave away certificates to participating teachers on this occasion.

Their creative expressions reflected a deep admiration for Gandhi's principles of non-violence, truth, and simplicity. The visit also included a guided tour of the museums, allowing the students to immerse themselves in the rich history and philosophy of Gandhi, fostering a sense of connection with his timeless legacy.



Glimpses from Swachhata initiative in GSDS as part of Campaign 4.0.

PROGRAMMES IN CHAMPARAN

- * GSDS Committee Members visit Basic Schools in Champaran
- * Swachhata Campaign 4.0 in Rajkiya Buniyadi Vidyalaya Vrindavan and Sirasia Adda
- * Children's Day celebrated at Rajkiya Buniyadi Vidyalaya, Sirasia
- * Trees planted in memory of Dr. B R Ambedkar
- * Children's Social Conclave in Buniyadi Vidyalaya Sirasia

Visit of GSDS Programme Committee Members to Basic Schools in Champaran August 24, 2024

On a recent inspection visit to the Government Basic School at Sirisiya Adda, at Block Chanpatia and Buniyadi Vidyalaya at Vrindavan Ashram, Bettiah, on August 22-23, 2024, the Programme Committee members from Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, Shri Dharamveer Sharma and Shri Satpal Bhatia took a keen interest in assessing the educational environment and gathering insights from Gandhian teachers and students. The Committee Members engaged in meaningful discussions with the educators and students, exploring various issues related to the school and identifying challenges faced by the children. The members assured the school staff that GSDS would extend every possible support to address the challenges, emphasizing their commitment to improving the educational experience for the students.



(Above): The Committee Members from GSDS inspect the classroom management in Buniyadi Vidyalaya in Champaran.

(Below): Representatives of the Committee from GSDS along with teachers and students at the Vidyalaya.

Director of GSDS, Dr. Jwala Prasad, Programme Officer Dr. Vedabhyas Kund, and Mr. Shakeel Ahmed were also present on this occasion. The members also rewarded the students, recognizing their knowledge and encouraging further academic excellence. The teachers of the schools were also present on this occasion.

In addition to the inspection, a tree plantation drive was carried out on the school premises, led by Dr. Jwala Prasad. Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu and Shri Shakeel along with the teachers were present. He highlighted the importance of environmental conservation and encouraged the school community to contribute to these efforts. The teachers Shri Sanjay Kumar Rai, Shri Nitesh Kumar Pandey, Shri Rajesh Kumar Mahato, Shri Sunil Kumar, Ms. Antima Rai, Mr. Manulal Kumar, and Mr. Paras Thakur expressed their gratitude towards the GSDS Committee members for their visit and support.

The school inspection was coordinated by local school coordinator Mr. Satyant Kumar and headmaster Ashok Ram, who ensured the smooth conduct of the event and provided full support to the inspection team.

Swachhata Campaign 4.0

Rajkiya Buniyadi Vidyalaya, Vrindavan



On **September 17, 2024**, as part of the campaign Swabhaav Swachhata Sanskar Swachhata of Government of India, children and teachers of Rajkiya Buniyadi Vidyalaya, Bettiah, Vrindavan, West Champaran joined in a swachhata abhiyaan starting from Babu Kutir to the school.



Rajkiya Buniyadi Vidyalaya, Sirasia



On **September 17, 2024**, the Gandhian teachers of Government Basic School Sirisiya Adda, West Champaran, Bihar cleaned the courtyard of Durga Sthan (Saaton Mai) and Bajrang Bali Sthan (Mahaveer Temple) under the Swachhata Hi Seva, Swachhata and Sanskar Swachhata.

On **September 19, 2024**, the Gandhian teachers of Government Basic School Sirisiya Adda, West Champaran, Bihar led the Swachhata Campaign and cleaned the courtyard of Kasturba Kutir renovated by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti in the school premises under Swachhata Hi Seva, Swachhata and Sanskar Swachhata abhiyaan.



Enthusiastic participants take part in Campaign 4.0 in different areas of the Buniyadi Vidyalaya in Vrindavaa and Sirasia Adda.

An essay competition for children was organized on **20 September 2024** under the Swachhata Pakhwada being celebrated by the Gandhian teachers of Government Basic School Sirisiya Adda West Champaran Bihar. The topic of the essay was Swachhata Hi Seva. 100 children participated in this competition organized in the school premises.

As part of the initiatives undertaken by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti in Swachhata Hi Seva, Gandhian teachers of Government Basic School Sirisiya Adda, Block-Chanpatia, District-West Champaran, Bihar, led a sanitation drive and cleaned the school premises under Swachhata Hi Seva on **23rd September, 2024**.



On **September 24, 2024**, the Gandhian teachers of Government Basic School Sirisiya Adda, West Champaran, Bihar cleaned the sports resources and exercise complex located in the school under Swachhata Hi Seva, Swachhata Swachhata and Sanskar Swachhata.

On **25th September, 2024**, the Surya Shashti (Chhath) Ghat complex located in Chaudhury Tola village was cleaned under the theme 'Swabhaav Swachhata and Sanskar Swachhata' of the Swachhata Hi Seva Pakhwada by children and staff of the Government Basic School Sirisiya Adda, West Champaran, Bihar, established by Mahatma Gandhi, as part of the initiative of GSDS, New Delhi.

Cleanliness Drive at Rajkiya Buniyadi Vidyalaya Sirisia Adda October 19, 2024

On **October 19, 2024**, a special cleanliness drive was organized at the Rajkiya Buniyadi Vidyalaya, Sirisia Adda, West Champaran, Bihar, under the nationwide 'SpecialCampaign4' initiative. The campaign, aimed at fostering cleanliness and hygiene in educational institutions, was actively led by the teachers of the school in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture and the Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti.

The cleanliness drive was part of a broader initiative to create awareness among students, teachers, and the local community about the importance of maintaining cleanliness in and around the school premises. It aligns with the vision of Mahatma Gandhi, who emphasized the significance of sanitation as part of personal and public well-being.

**Children's Day celebrated at Rajkiya Buniyadi Vidyalaya, Sirasia
November 14, 2024**



Children's Day programme was organized by GSDS in the Rajkiya Buniyadi Vidyalaya, Sirisia, Champaran. A mass feeding program was also organized on the occasion. Children and teachers joined together to pay tributes to Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru on this occasion.

**Trees planted in memory of Dr. B R Ambedkar
December 6, 2024**



On December 6, 2024, at the Government Basic School, Sirisia Adda, West Champaran, Bihar, a tree-plantation drive to commemorate the death anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was organised. The event was held in the school premises, where environmentalist Shri Durgesh Pathak was invited to inspire and motivate the students. As part of the programme, three fruit-bearing trees were planted. Students actively participated in the initiative, learning the importance of trees in preserving ecological balance and honouring the legacy of Dr. Ambedkar.

**Children's Social Conclave in Buniyadi Vidyalaya Sirasia, Bihar
January 30, 2025**

On January 30, 2025, on the occasion of the 77th Martyrdom Day of Mahatma Gandhi, a "Children's

Social Conclave" competition was organized at Rajkiya Buniyadi Vidyalaya, Sirisia Adda, Chanpatia Block, West Champaran.



(Above): Children of the Buniyadi Vidyalaya are seen participating in the Children's Social Conclave with their project.

(Below): Distinguished gathering during the prize distribution ceremony.

The event witnessed active participation from students and teachers of 20 Buniyadi Vidyalayas from across the Chanpatia Block. The guests included President Awardee Dr. Devilal Yadav, Shri Om Prakash Prasad from Education Department Bihar Government, Shri Shailendra Kumar Rai, Shri Ashok Ram, In-Charge Buniyadi Vidyalaya Sirasia and twenty eight teachers and students from schools from Buniyadi Vidyalaya Bettiah and Sirasia were also present on this occasion.

EXHIBITIONS IN GANDHI DARSHAN ART GALLERY

- * Navaras and Beyond -Art Exhibition inaugurated
- * Group Exhibition of nine artists inaugurated
- * Prayas Art Exhibition
- * Whiteswan's Art Festival and Exhibition
- * Jashn-e-Astitva: A Celebration of Art and Expression
- * Inauguration of Art Exhibition by 51 artists

Navaras and Beyond - Art Exhibition inaugurated

January 21, 2025



Hon'ble VC GSDS, Shri Vijay Goel visits the exhibition 'Navras' curated by Sh.Swapan Kumar Sarkar. Dr. Jwala Prasad, Director GSDS is also seen in the picture.

Director Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, Dr. Jwala Prasad inaugurated the painting exhibition of Artist Swapan Kumar Sarkar at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat on January 21, 2025 at the newly inaugurated Gandhi Darshan Art Gallery. The artworks vividly portray human emotions, societal issues, and the harmony between humanity and nature. Blending mythology, mysticism, and universal themes, Sarkar's masterpieces promise a transformative journey, inspiring introspection and connection. The exhibition will be in display till January 29, 2025.

Hon'ble Vice Chairman of GSDS, Shri Vijay Goel also visited the Gandhi Darshan Art Gallery on January 22, 2025 along with Dr. Jwala Prasad, Director GSDS, to view the painting exhibition by artist Shri Swapan Kumar Sarkar, currently on display at the gallery. Shri Swapan Kumar Sarkar warmly welcomed Shri Vijay Goel on this occasion. Shri Vijay Goel also interacted with large number of visitors and exchanged greetings during his visit.



Group Exhibition of nine artists inaugurated

February 25, 2025



Dr. Jwala Prasad, Director GSDS, inaugurated "Art Through Arteries," a group exhibition featuring paintings and sculptures by artists Sujata Agarwal, Manish Jha, Oloruyemi Obadiah, Anu Dharmani, Pratibha Awasthi, Suresh Kumar, Suchi Budhiraja, Dinesh Kumar Ram, and Shyam Sunder at the Gandhi Darshan Art Gallery, Rajghat, on February 25, 2025. The exhibition was in display till March 2, 2025.

Prayas Art Exhibition inaugurated

March 4-9, 2025



Shri Sanjeet Kumar Administrative Officer GSDS with artists during the inauguration of the exhibition.

'Prayas', a unique art exhibition curated by artist Anu Dharmani, featuring 27 artists from diverse backgrounds, was inaugurated at Gandhi Darshan,

Rajghat, on March 4, 2025, by Sh. Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer, GSDS.

Showcasing a blend of curators, professionals, and scholars, the exhibition highlights the artistic expressions of noted individuals such as Anu Dharmani (Curator) and Dr. Sarbasti Rilu Mohanty, known for their expertise in curation and academia. Participants like Akansha Jainn, Aradhana Gupta, and Bhawna Chaudhary represent varied creative disciplines, while Chanda Bakshi, Charul Aggarwal, and Kavya Bansal bring together a mix of professional and artistic perspectives. The presence of Maninder Kaur, Maneesha Mattas, Manish Jha, Kiran Chopra, Nandini Chopra, and Rashmi Aggarwal adds further depth, potentially drawing from literature, media, and education. Figures like Hari Om and Jay Sethia contribute broader artistic insights, making Prayas a truly eclectic and well-rounded collective. The exhibition will be open at the Gandhi Darshan Art Gallery until March 9, 2025.

Whiteswan's Art Festival and Exhibition March 11, 2025



The WhiteSwan Art Festival and Exhibition was inaugurated on March 11, 2025 at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat, showcasing the vibrant and diverse talent of 120 artists. This prestigious event features 100 emerging artists from renowned institutions such as Jamia Millia

Islamia, Delhi College of Art, and JJ School of Art, alongside a National Award-winning sculptor. The exhibition offers a unique global platform for artists to display their creativity and innovation.

Curated by the esteemed Dr. Anjali Nigam, the exhibition presents breathtaking artworks that captivate audiences with their depth and artistic brilliance. The festival not only provides an avenue for young and established artists to gain wider recognition but also promotes the importance of art in cultural dialogue and social engagement.

Jashn-e-Astitva: A Celebration of Art and Expression March 18, 2025



Dr. Sanjeev Kishor Goutam, Director General of NGMA & Administrative Officer of GSDS Sh. Sanjeet Kumar. with artists during the inauguration of the Jashn-e-Astitva art exhibition.

Jashn-e-Astitva art exhibition was inaugurated in Gandhi Darshan Art Gallery at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat on March 18, 2025 with great enthusiasm. The event was presided over by Dr. Sanjeev Kishor Goutam, Director General of NGMA & Administrative Officer of GSDS Sh. Sanjeet Kumar. Programme Officer GSDS Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu and Research Officer Dr. Saurav Kumar Rai were also present, lending their support and insights to the event.

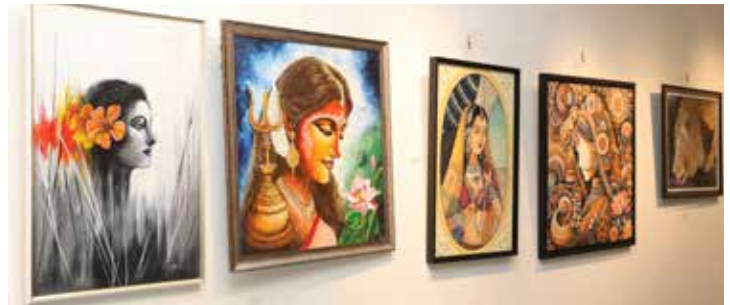
The exhibition showcased a diverse range of artworks, reflecting the spirit of creativity, culture, and self-expression. Art lovers, critics, and enthusiasts gathered to witness the brilliance of artists who have poured their souls into their creations. Jashn-e-Astitva from March 18-23, 2025, is not just an exhibition; it's a tribute to the essence of art and the stories it tells.

Inauguration of Art Exhibition by 51 artists March 25, 2025

Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (GSDS) hosted a prestigious Art Exhibition from March 25 to March 30, 2025, bringing together almost 51 distinguished artists from across India at the Gandhi Darshan Art Gallery at Rajghat. The event served as a vibrant platform for creative expression and cultural dialogue, emphasizing the confluence of traditional and contemporary artistic narratives.

The exhibition was inaugurated in Padma Shri Biman Behari Das, President of the All India Fine Arts & Crafts Society (AIFACS), a celebrated Indian sculptor, and former Principal of the Government College of Art & Craft, Kolkata. His insightful address highlighted the significance of art in fostering social harmony and its role in reflecting the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi. The inaugural programme also witnessed the participation of Ms. Anjali Sethi Malhotra, who curated the exhibition along with Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer at GSDS, and Dr. Saurav Kr. Rai, Research Officer at GSDS. Ms. Anjali Sethi Malhotra also presented a portrait of Mahatma Gandhi to GSDS on this occasion.

The participating artists showcased an array of paintings, sculptures, and mixed-media installations, each offering a unique interpretation of contemporary socio-cultural themes. The exhibition not only celebrated India's rich artistic heritage but also provided a forum for emerging artists to gain national recognition.



Padma Shri Biman Behari Das, President AIFACS inaugurating the exhibition with other distinguished guests in Gandhi Darshan Art Gallery.

GSDS INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR GANDHIAN STUDIES AND PEACE RESEARCH

- * Gandhi Smriti receives postage stamp dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi in Argentina from the Argentine Embassy in New Delhi**
- * Armenian Embassy in India presents postage stamp to GSDS**
- * Stamps of Mahatma Gandhi received from Cyprus**
- * Postage stamps dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi received from Embassy of Costa Rica in India**
- * In the Footsteps of Buddha and Gandhi**
- * Interaction on 'Understanding Gandhi in Contemporary Times'**
- * International delegation calls for world peace**
- * GSDS receives stamp from Embassy of Portugal**

Gandhi Smriti receives postage stamp dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi from the Argetine Embassy in New Delhi *May 8, 2024*



As part of Hon'ble Vice Chairman GSDS Shri Vijay Goel's initiative to establish a museum of Stamps dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi, the Embassy of Argentina in India contributed postage stamps honouring Mahatma Gandhi in Argentina to Gandhi Smriti on May 9, 2024.

Dr. Saurav Kr. Rai, Research Officer GSDS along with Mr. Rajdeep Pathak, Programme Executive GSDS received the stamps from Ms. Cecilia Ines Silberberg, Chargee d' affaires a.i and Mr. Marcelo Boffi, Head of the Consular Section in Gandhi Smriti. The delegation during this visit also saw the Mahatma Gandhi room and the Martyr's Column.

The stamp, a symbol of India-Argentina friendship, celebrates Gandhi's legacy of nonviolence and peace. This gesture reinforces cultural exchange and strengthens bilateral ties between the two nations.

Mahatma Gandhi postage stamps received from Armenian Embassy *July 12, 2024*

On July 12, 2024, Dr. Vladimir Poghosyan, First Secretary from the Embassy of the Republic of Armenia in India, presented to Gandhi Smriti an original postage stamp featuring Mahatma Gandhi. This stamp, issued in Armenia in 2019, commemorates the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. Alongside the stamp, Dr. Poghosyan also provided a photograph of the Mahatma Gandhi statue situated in Armenia. The



Dr. Vladimir Poghosyan, First Secretary from the Embassy of the Republic of Armenia presented the stamp of Gandhiji in Gandhi Smriti.

stamp was received by Dr. Saurav Kr. Rai, Research Officer, and Sh. Rajdeep Pathak, Programme Executive at GSDS, during Dr. Vladimir's visit. This gesture forms part of an initiative led by the Hon'ble Vice Chairman of GSDS, Shri Vijay Goel, aimed at developing a museum dedicated to stamps, coins, and other memorabilia related to Mahatma Gandhi, serving as a tribute to his legacy.

Gandhi Smriti receives stamps of Mahatma Gandhi from Cyprus *July 26, 2024*



H.E. Mr. Evagoras Vryonides, High Commissioner of the Republic of Cyprus in India paid homage to Mahatma Gandhi at the Martyr's Column in Gandhi Smriti during his visit on July 26, 2024. Director

Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, Dr. Jwala Prasad welcomed H.E. Mr. Evagoras Vryonides by presenting him a Gandhi Charkha and a Khadi Angavastram (scarf).

On this occasion, Mr. Evagoras also handed over postage stamps and envelopes dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi released on the occasion of Gandhiji's 150th Birth Anniversary in 2019 in Cyprus for the proposed Stamp Museum in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat. Mr. Evagoras also visited the Mahatma Gandhi room and the museum.

**Shri Vijay Goel receives postage stamps dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi from Embassy of Costa Rica in India
September 27, 2024**



Hon'ble Sh Vijay Goel, VC GSDS is seen receiving a collection of postage stamps on Mahatma Gandhi from Ms. Sofia Salas Monge, from the Embassy of Costa Rica in India.

On September 27, 2024, Shri Vijay Goel, Vice Chairman of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, received a collection of postage stamps dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi from the Embassy of Costa Rica in India at Gandhi Smriti. The stamps were presented by Ms. Sofia Salas Monge, Chargé d' Affaires of the Embassy of Costa Rica, as a contribution to the proposed Stamp Museum at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.

**In the Footsteps of Buddha and Gandhi
February 9, 2025**

Pilgrims from 13 countries like Australia, Portugal, Canada, United States of America, Japan, Afghanistan, Switzerland, India, etc., including Buddhist monks, scholars, peace practitioners, students, towards their understanding of the principles of Buddha and Gandhi visited Gandhi Smriti on February 9, 2025. The delegation was led by Dharmacharya Shantum Seth of Ahimsa Trust.



Pilgrims from different nations gather in Gandhi Smriti prayer ground during the interactive session .

A meditative session at the Martyr's Column was followed by an interaction on "In the footsteps of Buddha and Gandhi", where the principles of selfishness, understanding the self, spirituality as understood by Buddha and Gandhi was discussed. Discussion on Gandhiji's seminal work Hind Swaraj was another highlight of the interaction.

**Interaction on 'Understanding Gandhi in Contemporary Times'
February 15, 2025**

Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti organized an interaction with delegates from over 20 countries in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat on February 15, 2025 that was presided by Director GSDS, Dr. Jwala Prasad. The delegation represented the International Centre for Information Systems and Audit of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and Supreme Audits Institutes of Albania, Brazil, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Egypt, Eritrea, Fiji, Georgia, Guyana, India, Mauritius, Morocco, Nepal, Russia, Samoa, Sierra Leone, South Africa and Vietnam.



Participants from 20 countries during their visit to Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat join for a group photograph.

Dr. Jwala Prasad shared the Gandhian principles of service, truth and nonviolence with the participants. Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer GSDS

shared emphasized on the methods of reconciliation and dialogue for global peace. Shri Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer GSDS shared his ideas on the essence of empathetic understanding and justice and Dr. Saurav Kr. Rai, Research Officer highlighted the concept of Trusteeship as advocated by Mahatma Gandhi.

Earlier the delegation also visited the Gandhi Darshan Museum, “My Life is My Message”. The delegates received a copy of Mahatma Gandhi’s written book “Truth is God”.

International delegation calls for world peace

March 15, 2025

A delegation of 25 people from Argentina, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Ghana, India, Mali, Morocco, Paraguay, Republic of Sao Tome, Venezuela under the aegis of International Centre for Information Systems & Audit (iCISA) as part of the 163rd International Training Programme on ‘Performance Audit (With Spanish Interpretation) visited Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat during which they were given a guided tour of the museum. The delegation was gifted Mahatma Gandhi’s ‘Constructive Programme’.



Participants from 25 countries during their visit to Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat and at the interactive session.

An interactive session was organized with the participants with Programme Officer GSDS Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu and Research Officer Dr. Saurav Kr Rai during which the participants underlined the essence of empathy, compassion and the essence of leadership and trust-building.

Dr. Saurav Kr. Rai spoke on the essence of honesty and character-building referring to the transparency that Mahatma Gandhi showed in dealing with funds where there was no misappropriation of funds and called for internal auditing too.

Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu addressed inter-state and intra-state conflicts, underscoring the principles of self-reliance and peace initiatives in countries such as Ghana, Colombia, and Argentina, where Gandhian ideals have played a central role in governance and conflict resolution.

GSDS receives stamp from Embassy of Portugal

March 16, 2025

H.E. Mr. Joao Riberio de Almeida, Ambassador of Portugal in India presented the commemorative stamps on Mahatma Gandhi issued in Portugal along with the first edition of commemorative postage stamps dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi issued by the Government of Portugal to GSDS on March 16, 2025 during his visit to Gandhi Smriti.



H.E. Mr. Joao Riberio de Almeida, Ambassador of Portugal in India, presenting the commemorative postage stamps on Mahatma Gandhi to Shri Vijay Goel, Hon’ble VC GSDS.

MISCELLANEOUS PROGRAMMES

- * **Trees planted in Gandhi Darshan**
- * **A display of India's rich cultural heritage at 12-day Hunar Mahotsav**
- * **Yogacharya Shailendra's yoga lessons**
- * **13th Meeting of Programme Committee convened**
- * **Samiti's 59th Executive Committee Meeting of GSDS convened**
- * **Training in Fire Safety conducted**
- * **23rd Meeting of Finance Committee Convened**
- * **Learning through Music for creative space**
- * **Vice Chairman GSDS chairs meeting in Gandhi Smriti**
- * **GSDS participates in Gandhi Jayanti Mela at Civic Centre**
- * **Orientation Programme as part of Vigilance Awareness Week**
- * **Deepotsav celebrated in Gandhi Smriti and Gandhi Darshan**
- * **Chhath Festival celebrated with full tradition**
- * **Meeting with Retired Employees in Gandhi Darshan**
- * **Cleanliness drive in Gandhi Darshan**
- * **Interaction on role of theatre and poetry in society**
- * **Satyagraha Gatha documentary movie screened**
- * **Slum Training Programme Initiated in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat**
- * **Lohri and Makar Sankranti celebrated**
- * **GSDS bids retirement farewell to two staff members**
- * **Cleanliness drive in Gandhi Smriti**
- * **Holi celebrated in Gandhi Darshan and Gandhi Smriti**

Trees planted in Gandhi Darshan April 2, 2024



Nature is the precious jewel of the earth, in which trees are its gems, hence the importance of tree plantation is very important to maintain the balance in nature and to keep the environment around us clean.

In this direction, Dr. Jwala Prasad, Director of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, led the tree plantation ceremony at Gandhi Darshan Complex, Rajghat on April 2, 2024. All the staff of Gandhi Darshan also participated in this initiative with enthusiasm. Programme Officer, Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu also joined the occasion and planted trees.

A display of India's rich cultural heritage at 12-day Hunar Mahotsav March 28-April 8, 2024

More than 350 artisans and craftsmen from over 25 States/UTs have converged at the Gymkhana Ground, Hyderabad, to participate in Hunar Mahotsav, showcasing India's rich cultural heritage from March 28-April 8, 2025. Representing diverse regions such as Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu-Kashmir, Jharkhand, Odisha, Puducherry, Punjab, Rajasthan, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, and more, these artisans have brought forth their finest creations to showcase at the Hunar Mahotsav.



A glimpse of the Hunar Mahotsav at Hyderabad where artisans and craftsmen from over 25 states participated showcasing the rich cultural heritage of India.

Visitors to the event are treated to a spectacular display of indigenous handmade products, including but not limited to, Applique work, dry flowers, jute-cane items, brass products, wooden and clay toys, Ajrakh Block Print, Blue Art Pottery, Pashmina Shawls, Khadi products, Banarsi Silk, Wooden Furniture, Chikankari Embroidery, Chanderi Silk, Lac bangles, Rajasthani jewellery, Phulkari, Leather products, pottery, Jute products, and much more. Each piece tells a story of tradition, craftsmanship, and cultural heritage.

Yoga is essential for overall well-being- Yogacharya Shailendra April 27, 2024



Yogacharya Shailendra Kr. Giri from Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India, is seen conducting the yoga session in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.

On April 27, 2024, a yoga session was conducted by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti at Gandhi Darshan Rajghat. On this occasion, Yogacharya Shailendra Kr. Giri from Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India, conducted the yoga session for all the staff members of GSDS.

On this occasion, Director GSDS, Dr. Jwala Prasad congratulated Yogi Shailendra Ku. Giri and Vaidya P. Kumar and felicitated them by presenting them angavastram and charkha. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Jwala Prasad said that by doing yoga regularly, a person not only develops immunity but also gets enriched intellectually, mentally and spiritually.

13th Meeting of Programme Committee convened June 1, 2024



Shri Vijay Goel, Hon'ble VC GSDS is seen chairing the 13th Programme Committee meeting in Gandhi Smriti.

The 13th meeting of the Programme Committee of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti was convened in Gandhi Smriti on June 1, 2024, under the Chairmanship of Shri Vijay Goel, Vice Chairman GSDS. The distinguished members who were present at the meeting included Shri Rajkumar Sharma, Shri Pradeep Gandhi, Dr. Jyoti Arora, Shri Satpal Bhatia, Dr. Jwala Prasad, Director GSDS and Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer GSDS.

Samiti's 59th Executive Committee Meeting of GSDS convened June 6, 2024



Shri Vijay Goel, Hon'ble VC GSDS is seen chairing the GSDS 59th Executive Committee meeting in Gandhi Smriti with EC members.

The Hon'ble Vice Chairman GSDS and Chairman Executive Committee of GSDS, Shri Vijay Goel chaired the 59th Executive Committee Meeting of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti in Gandhi Smriti on June 6, 2024. Member Secretary GSDS and Joint Secretary Ministry of Culture, Smt. Amita Sarbhai; Shri Mahesh Chand Sharma (Member) and Shri Banwari (Member) were present on this occasion. Dr. Jwala Prasad, Director GSDS was also present on this occasion and gave an introduction to the programmes organized by the GSDS during 2023-24. He also outlined numerous projects proposed to be taken up by GSDS. A number of agendas were also discussed on this occasion. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks.

Training in Fire Safety conducted June 24, 2024



During the training programme in fire safety, Shri Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer GSDS is seen giving live demonstration on the functioning of fire extinguisher.

On June 24, 2024, a comprehensive 'fire safety training' programme was conducted at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat, by Shri Sanjeet Kumar, the Administrative Officer of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti. This programme aimed to enhance awareness and preparedness among the staff and visitors regarding fire safety protocols. The session commenced with Shri Kumar elucidating the importance of fire safety, especially in public places like Gandhi Darshan and Gandhi Smriti, which attracts numerous visitors daily, has number of offices functioning, electric panels and above all residential premises within the campus. He emphasized the critical need for prompt and effective responses during fire emergencies to prevent casualties and minimize property damage.



Shri Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer GSDS is seen conducting a training session on fire safety in Gandhi Darshan.

During the training, Shri Sanjeet Kumar detailed the various types of fire extinguishers, their specific uses, and the appropriate scenarios for their deployment.

He provided a thorough explanation of the PASS (Pull, Aim, Squeeze, and Sweep) technique, which is essential for operating a fire extinguisher effectively. Shri Kumar also discussed the importance of regular maintenance and inspection of fire safety equipment to ensure their proper functioning in emergencies.

A highlight of the programme was the live demonstration by Shri Sanjeet Kumar on the proper use of a fire extinguisher. He showcased the correct method to handle and operate the extinguisher. The event concluded with a reiteration of the importance of fire safety and a commitment to implementing the learned practices in daily operations.

23rd Meeting of Finance Committee Convened July 5, 2024

The Samiti, under the chairmanship of Smt. Amita Sarbhai, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture, and Member Secretary GSDS convened the 23rd Meeting of the Finance Committee in Gandhi Smriti on July 5, 2024. Shri Harish Kumar, Director, Integrated Finance Division (IFD), MoC was also present on this occasion. Director GSDS, Dr. Jwala Prasad who was present on this occasion presented the agenda of this meeting to the other members and discussed in detail various financial issues.

Learning through Music for creative space August 23, 2024



Shri Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer GSDS discusses the power of music and heritage in the promotion of Viksit Bharat in Gandhi Darshan Rajghat as distinguished panelists are all ears.

Shri Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer, GSDS along with Co-founder of Manzil, Smt. Indira Gulati inaugurated the programme “Learning Through

Music Fellowship”, celebrating musical stories of talented musicians in Satyagraha Mandap, Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat on August 23, 2024. This programme was organized by Manzil Mystics in collaboration with Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti a celebration of ‘Music for Peace’. The other guests included Mr. Vivek Raina, MD of Belive, Ms. Anuja Kshatriya, CSR Manager, Ms. Dipashree Khanna, Director People, Mr. B P Pandey, from Directorate of Education (DoE), Sufi singer Ms. Ragini Rainu and Mr. Deepak Castelino, renowned guitarist from Chaar Yaar Band. Shri Sanjeet also distributed certificates to the fellows on this occasion. Assistant Director, Delhi Council for Child Welfare, Shri Sanjeet Kumar Mishra was also present on the occasion.



(Above): Cultural performances by children were highlights of the event.

(Below): Shri Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer GSDS along with Smt. Indira Gulati joins the participants for a group photograph.

A panel discussion on “Creating Inclusive Space for Music” was also organized on this occasion. Sharing his inputs on this occasion, Shri Sanjeet Kumar appreciated the essence of leadership qualities that Manzil Mystics is providing to the children. He also shared various initiatives of the government in promoting art and culture.

Shri Sanjeet Kumar also connected the significance of music to the broader vision of 'Viksit Bharat' (developed India), as envisioned by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India. He explained that music, beyond its artistic value, is closely linked to health and well-being, offering mental and emotional benefits that contribute to a healthier society.

Shri Sanjeet reiterated the role of women in the character-building process and highlighted their contribution towards a developed nation and called for their overall safety and well-being.

Vice Chairman GSDS chairs meeting in Gandhi Smriti September 4, 2024



Shri Vijay Goel, Hon'ble VC GSDS chairs a meeting in Gandhi Smriti, as a participant is seen making a presentation.

Hon'ble Vice Chairman of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, Shri Vijay Goel chaired a meeting of representatives of various organisations in Gandhi Smriti on September 4, 2024 to discuss the proposed stamp museum in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat where stamps, coins, envelopes, etc dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi in different countries of the world will be exhibited. Director GSDS, Dr. Jwala Prasad and Administrative Officer GSDS Shri Sanjeet Kumar were also present on this occasion.

GSDS participates in Gandhi Jayanti Mela at Civic Centre September 30, 2024

Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti participated in the 'Gandhi Jayanti Mela' at the office of Municipal Corporation of Delhi at Civic Centre by setting up an

exhibition on Mahatma Gandhi's life on September 30, 2024. Also an exhibition of Khadi Stall, Gandhian literature and souvenir was set up. Ms. Sangeeta, Mr. Narendra represented the Samiti in this mela.

Orientation Programme as part of Vigilance Awareness Week October 28, 2024



Shri Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer GSDS is seen conducting a session as part of the Vigilance Awareness Week in Gandhi Darshan for the GSDS staff.

On October 28, 2024, Shri Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (GSDS), led an insightful orientation session for GSDS staff as part of the "Vigilance Awareness Week", observed from October 28 to November 3, 2024, at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat. This session covered a range of essential topics, including the timely submission of annual immovable property returns, guidelines on vigilance clearances, and the turnover of sensitive positions. Shri Sanjeet Kumar also discussed the relevant provisions of the Indian Official Secrets Act for government employees, reinforced the importance of general discipline, and shared Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) guidelines for efficient complaint handling.

Deepotsav celebrated in Gandhi Smriti and Gandhi Darshan October 30, 2024



On October 30, 2024, both the premises of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti were decorated with lamps in a grand manner. Dr. Jwala Prasad, Director GSDS led all the colleagues together and celebrated the festival of lights with traditional gaiety by lighting the lamps. On this occasion, a beautiful message of ‘Shubh Deepawali’ was engraved with lamps, which became the main attraction of the programme. Administrative Officer of the Samiti, Mr. Sanjeet Kumar was also present in Gandhi Smriti during which lamps were also lit at the Martyr’s Column.



Meeting with Retired Employees in Gandhi Darshan organized November 16, 2024



Retired GSDS employee Shri Hari Singh shares his thought at the meeting as Director GSDS, Dr. Jwala Prasad looks on.

On November 16, 2024, a meeting was held with the pensioners of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (GSDS) at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat. During this programme, the pensioners felicitated Dr. Jwala Prasad, Director of GSDS, on receiving the prestigious Mahatma Gandhi Leadership Award on October 2, 2024 at Oxford in London. Dr Jwala Prasad also addressed the gathering. Sh. Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer of GSDS, shared his thoughts on the importance of continued engagement with the Samiti’s former employees.

The pensioners took the opportunity to reminisce about their time with GSDS, sharing valuable experiences and expressing their continued support for the institution’s mission.

Chhath Festival celebrated with full tradition November 7-8, 2024

Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti celebrated the holy Chhath Festival in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat on November 7-8, 2024. Dr. Jwala Prasad, Director GSDS led the staff into worshipping the Sun God on this occasion.



Further, on November 8, 2024, Dr. Jwala Prasad, Director of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, along with his family, performed worship in the traditional way on the occasion of ‘Surya Uday Arghya’ on the last day of Chhath Mahaparva. By offering Arghya to the rising sun, he wished well for everyone.

Cleanliness drive in Gandhi Darshan November 29, 2024



On November 29, 2024, a cleanliness drive was carried out in various areas of Gandhi Darshan complex, Rajghat. Dr. Jwala Prasad, Director, GSDS led the cleanliness drive. All the employees of the Samiti participated enthusiastically in this drive and raised awareness about the importance of cleanliness.

Interaction on role of theatre and poetry in society

November 29, 2024



Shri Amrendra Sharma, Shri Manoj Singh Bhawuk, Prof. Munna Kumar Pandey and others join the conversation with Dr. Jwala Prasad and Shri Sanjeet Kumar at the interaction in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.

On November 29, 2024, Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat, witnessed the visit of prominent personalities from various fields. The delegation included Shri Amrendra Sharma, actor from the romantic drama Raspriya; Shri Manoj Singh Bhawuk, renowned lyricist; Prof. Munna Kumar Pandey, an art critic; and Shri Ashish Kumar Anshu, founder of Media Scan.

They were joined by Shri Ashutosh Kumar Singh, Chairman of Swasth Bharat; Ms. Manorama Singh, senior journalist; renowned singer Ms. Nutun Kumari and Shri Chandrakant Sharma, veteran journalist. Director GSDS, Dr. Jwala Prasad welcomed the gathering on this occasion and interacted with the participants. Shri Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer GSDS was also present on this occasion. The delegation also visited the Gandhi Darshan museum.

Satyagraha Gatha documentary movie screened December 12, 2024



Shri Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer GSDS presents the Samiti's publication "Antim Jan" to one of the panelists during the interactive session in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.

On December 12, 2024, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti organized a special screening of the documentary "सत्याग्रह गाथा" at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat. The event featured Shri D. K. Azad, the Director of सत्याग्रह गाथा (Satyagraha Gatha), as the distinguished guest. Dr. Jwala Prasad, Director of GSDS, Shri Sanjeet

Kumar, Administrative Officer of GSDS, along with other esteemed guests, including Shri Raman Gupta and Shri Sanjay were also present on this occasion.

Slum Training Programme Initiated in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat

January 9, 2025



Children from the nearby slum of Indraprastha are seen undertaking the training programme in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.

As part of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti's outreach program in the slum areas of Delhi, the Srijan Centre of GSDS has launched a three-month tailoring training program for young girls from the Rainy Well and Yamuna Khaddar areas near Pragati Maidan. The training is being conducted at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat, with approximately 13 to 15 girls actively participating in the programme.

Lohri and Makar Sankranti celebrated January 14, 2025



Director GSDS, Dr. Jwala Prasad celebrated the festival of Lohri and Makar Sankranti with the staff members of Gandhi Darshan at Rajghat, during which kite flying was the major attraction. Shri Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer, GSDS, Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu Programme Officer GSDS and others also joined this festive mood and partook in the rituals associated with it.

GSDS bids retirement farewell to two staff members

January 31, 2025



Shri Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer GSDS is seen addressing the family and staff members of GSDS at the farewell of Shri Narain Samal and Shri Meghraj at Gandhi Darshan.

Two dedicated associates of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, Shri Meghraj (Accounts Department) and Shri Narayan Shamal (Vehicle Driver), who gave their invaluable contributions to the institution through their dedication, hard work, and exemplary work ethics retired on January 31, 2025. A befitting retirement farewell was given to them by Director GSDS Dr. Jwala Prasad on this occasion. Administrative Officer Shri Sanjeet Kumar was also present on this occasion. Other staff members also shared their memories of their association with Shri Meghraj and Shri Narayan Samal.

Cleanliness drive in Gandhi Smriti

February 15, 2025



On February 15, 2025, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti conducted a cleanliness drive at Gandhi Smriti. The GSDS staff members, volunteer guides and others joined the cleanliness drive.

Holi celebrated in Gandhi Darshan and Gandhi Smriti

March 13, 2025

Shri Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (GSDS), highlighted the significance of Holi during a gathering at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat. He emphasized that Holi is not just a festival of colours but a celebration that spreads happiness and marks a new beginning in the Hindi calendar year.

Addressing the staff members, Shri Kumar underscored the idea that an institution is always greater than an individual. He remarked that institutions have their own realms, and it is the collective responsibility of everyone to take GSDS forward with dedication and commitment. He further stated that the responsibilities of all members have increased manifold in ensuring the institution's growth and impact. Sharing stage with Shri Sanjeet Kumar were Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer, GSDS; Dr. Saurav Kr. Rai, Research Officer and Dr. Sailaja Gullapalli, Research Associate. In Gandhi Smriti, Volunteer Guides joined in the celebration with fun and frolic.



LIBRARY, DOCUMENTATION, 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 functions. The library has a collection of approximately 10,650 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. New books were added during the year.

Further, 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. This is done in an effort to strengthen the Documentation Centre. Other topics are regularly added. The process of digitalization of the library is almost over with new publications being procured from time to time.



Ms, Sunita Joshi, Asst. Librarian GSDS is seen interacting with children at the Gandhi Darshan Library .



School children during their visit at the Gandhi Smriti Library is being oriented on 'Understanding Gandhi'.

PUBLICATIONS



VISITORS IN GANDHI SMRITI AND GANDHI DARSHAN

- * Mrs. Cheryl Lynn Garvin | United States Naval War College | Spouse of Rear Admiral, President USNWC
- * Mrs. Bailey Paige Sedlak | United States Naval War College | Aide to President (Spouse)
- * Ms. Marisa Gerrards | Embassy of Netherlands, India | Ambassador
- * Mr. Pierrick Fillon-Ashida | European Union Delegation to India | First Counsellor & Head of Section
- * Mr. Konstantinos Xanthopoulos | Embassy of Thailand, India | Spouse of Ambassador
- * Ms. Natalia Royo | Panama / United Kingdom | Ambassador
- * Dr. Hassan Abbasi | United Republic of Tanzania | Permanent Secretary
- * H.E. Evagoras Vryonides | Republic of Cyprus | High Commissioner
- * Mr. Juan Carlos Rojas Arango | Embassy of Colombia, India | Minister Counsellor
- * H.E. Omar Lisandro Castaneda Solares | Guatemala | Ambassador
- * H.E. Victor Echeverri | Colombia | Ambassador
- * Ms. Diana Mondino | Argentina | Minister of Foreign Affairs
- * Mr. Paul J. Foster | Global Esports Federation | CEO
- * Padmashri Surendra Sharma | India | Poet & Writer
- * Ms. Martha Elizabeth Pollack | IBM, USA | Computer Scientist / Board Member
- * Sardar Malkit Singh | Renowned Singer | Britain
- * Dr. B. R. Mani | National Museum, India | Director General
- * Ms. Shobhana Bharatia | Hindustan Times Group | Chairperson
- * Dr. Sven Halldorn | Germany | Director General, Federal Ministry
- * Dharmacharya Shantum Seth | India | Buddhist Scholar & Peace Practitioner
- * H.E. Aloys Bizindavyi | Burundi | Ambassador
- * Dr. Sjoukje Heimovaara | Wageningen University, Netherlands | President
- * Smt. Gurpreet Kaur Prakash | GD Goenka Public School | Principal
- * H.E. George Gerapetritis | Greece | Minister of Foreign Affairs
- * Ms. Revathy | India | Actor & Director
- * H.E. Marcos Perestrella | Portugal | Vice President of Parliament

Shri Rajendra Singh Rana, former Curator and Shri Balwan Singh, Curator-cum-Artist of Sri Krishna Museum, Kurukshetra visited Gandhi Smriti on April 4, 2024. A guided tour was given to them on this occasion. They visited the Gandhi Smriti Museum and offered tributes to Mahatma Gandhi.



Shri Rajendra Singh Rana and Shri Balwan Singh is seen visiting the Minifigures (Dolls Museum) in Gandhi Smriti.

A five-member delegation, mostly spouse of officers of the United States Naval War College (USNWC) who are on a visit to India, visited Gandhi Smriti on April 12, 2024 and were given a tour of the Gandhi Smriti Museum on this occasion.



Spouses of the United States Naval War College in Gandhi Smriti during their visit is seen at the Pergola.

The delegation included Mrs. Cheryl Lynn Garvin, spouse of Rear Admiral Peter A Garvin, President USNWC, Mrs. Madhulika Verma, spouse of Admiral Nirmal K Verma (Retd), International Fellow, USNWC, Mrs. Amy Parker Mangold, spouse of Dr. Thomas Edward Mangold, Dean, International Programs USNWC and Mrs. Bailey Paige Sedlak, spouse of Lt. Colton Tyler Sedlak, Aide to President USNWC.

A 14-member Vietnamese delegation visited Gandhi Smriti on April 22, 2024. During this visit, they saw the Martyr's Column and also visited Mahatma Gandhi's room. Shri Deepak Kumar gave a guided tour on this occasion.



The Vietnamese delegation is seen in front of the Martyr's Column in Gandhi Smriti.

Ms. Olivia Nyachiu, First Secretary, Political, High Commission of the Republic of Zambia along visited Gandhi Smriti on April 24, 2024. Ms. Mary Nanyangwe, Third Secretary (PS to High Commissioner) and Ms. Anju Wadehra accompanied Ms. Olivia during the visit.



Ms. Olivia Nyachiu is seen viewing the digital installation showcasing Mahatma Gandhi's favourite hymn "Vaishnavajana Tau" in Gandhi Smriti sung by Zambian artist.



Dr. Jwala Prasad presents Antim Jan magazine to Sh. Praveen Gunjan.

Shri Praveen Gunjan, Director, National School of Drama, Varanasi Centre visited Gandhi Darshan

on April 25, 2024. Director GSDS, Dr. Jwala Prasad welcomed Shri Praveen on his occasion and presented him the Samiti's monthly magazine 'Antim Jan'

Lt. Col. Srinivasan S and his family visited Lt. Col. Srinivasan S. visited Gandhi Smriti on April 25, 2024 with his family and was given a guided tour on this occasion by Shri Krishan. The children also took part in the Gandhi Quiz conducted during this visit.



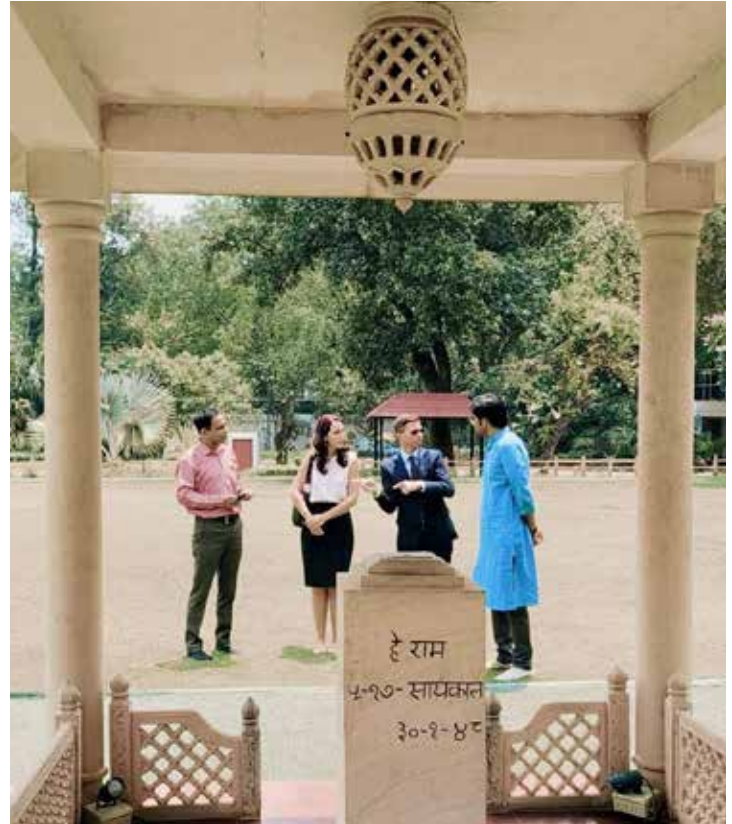
Col. Srinivasan S in front of the Mahatma Gandhi statue at the entrance of Gandhi Smriti.

Ms. Marcie Kunnawattana Minister Counsellor of Royal Thai Embassy, Thailand, and Ms. Duangkamon, Counsellor from the Royal Thai Embassy, New Delhi visited Gandhi Smriti on May 7, 2024. The delegation was received by Dr. Saurav Kr. Rai, Research Officer GSDS., Shri Rajdeep Pathak. Programme Executive, GSDS also gave a guided tour of the Gandhi Smriti Museum on this occasion.



Ms. Marcie Kunnawattana from the Royal Thai Embassy offers tribute at the Martyr's Column in Gandhi Smriti.

Ms. Cecilia Ines Silberberg, Chargee d' affaires a.i and Mr. Marcelo Boffi, Head of the Consular Section visited Gandhi Smriti on May 9, 2024.



Ms. Cecilia Ines Silberberg and Mr. Marcelo Boffi at the Prayer Ground in Gandhi Smriti during their visit.

Ms. Karen Burbach, head of the Women's Rights and Gender Equality Taskforce of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands visited Gandhi Smriti on May 14, 2024. During this visit she saw the Martyr's Column and Mahatma Gandhi's room. Ambassador of the Kingdom of Netherlands in India Ms. Marisa Gerrards was also present on this occasion. Ms Nienke Bleker, Policy Officer, Mr Joost van Oostenbruggen, Second Secretary & Ms Daan de Boer was also present.



Ms. Karen Burbach, head of the Women's Rights and Gender Equality Taskforce of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands visited Gandhi Smriti. Also seen in Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in India, Ms. Marisa Gerards in Gandhiji's room.



Mr. Pierrick Fillon-Ashida, First Counsellor, Head of Section, Research and Innovation, Delegation of the European Union to India visited Gandhi Smriti on May 18, 2024.

A 21-member delegation from the Embassy of Netherlands in India visited Gandhi Smriti on June 6, 2024. Led by Mrs. Marisa Gerards, Ambassador of the Netherlands in India, the delegation included officials of the Dutch Government from the Ministry of Health, Wellbeing, Sports, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Department International Entrepreneurship), Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Infrastructure and Water, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate, Ministry of Defence, Department of Consular Affairs and so on. The delegation offered tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at the Martyr's Column. They also visited the room where Mahatma Gandhi lived the last 144 days of his life. Dr. Saurav Kr. Rai, Research Officer GSDS and Shri Rajdeep Pathak, Programme Executive GSDS interacted with the delegation.

Ms. Tina Soni, IAS, Ministry of Fertilizers along with other guests visited the Gandhi Smriti Museum on May 27, 2024 and offered tributes at the Martyr's Column. During this visit, guided tour was given to them of the Museum.



Ms. Tina Soni, IAS, Ministry of Fertilizers in Eternal Gandhi Multi-Media Exhibition in Gandhi Smriti during her visit.



The 21-member delegation from the Embassy of Netherlands with Ambassador Mrs. Marisa Gerards (C) in Gandhi Smriti.

Her Excellency, Ms. Natalia Royo, Ambassador of Panama in United Kingdom visited Gandhi Smriti on June 4, 2024. During the visit, she offered tributes at the Martyr's Column and was also visited Mahatma Gandhi's room. A guided tour was given by Shri Rajdeep Pathak. Dr. Saurav Kr. Rai presented Ms. Natalia with a charkha on this occasion.

Dr. Jwala Prasad, Director GSDS welcomed Shri Vineet Handa, Chairman Swadeshi Sodh Sansthan in Gandhi Smriti on June 26, 2024 by presenting him an angavastram and a memento. He along with Shri Vineet Handa offered tribute at the Martyrs Column and also visited Gandhiji's room. Dr. O P Yadav, Chairman, Parliament Press of South Asia (SAARC Nations) also joined Shri Vineet on this occasion and saw the Gandhi Smriti museum.



Her Excellency, Ms. Natalia Royo, Ambassador of Panama in United Kingdom offers tribute at the Martyr's Column.



Shri Vineet Handa, Chairman Swadeshi Sodh Sansthan and Dr. O P Yadav during their visit in Gandhi Smriti.

A delegation of 23 Sri Lankan Police Officials including DIG, SPs and others including one female officer visited Gandhi Smriti on June 27, 2024. Dr. Saurav Kr. Rai, Research Officer GSDS along with Shri Rajdeep Pathak, Programme Executive GSDS welcomed the delegation. The delegation visited the Martyr's Column and offered tributes at the Martyr's Column. Later when the delegation visited Gandhi Smriti Museum, Ms. Suman and Ms. Sarita gave a guided tour to them.



The Sri Lankan Police Officials including DIG, SPs and others offer their tributes at the Martyr's Column in Gandhi Smriti.

Dr. Jwala Prasad, Director Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti welcomed Shri Jitendra Gupta, National Coordinator, Swavalambi Bharat Abhiyan (Self-Reliant Bharat, Strong Bharat) in Gandhi Smriti on July 4, 2024 by presenting him a charkha and the GSDS monthly magazine Antim Jan. Later Shri Jitendra Gupta also visited the Gandhi Smriti Museum including the Martyr's Column and Gandhiji's room.



Shri Jitendra Gupta, National Coordinator, Swavalambi Bharat Abhiyan (Self-Reliant Bharat, Strong Bharat) in Gandhi Smriti during his visit.

A group of 42 youth from nine different countries visited Gandhi Smriti under the 75th edition of Know India Programme of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. During this visit, they paid homage to Mahatma Gandhi at the Martyr's Column, besides

taking a tour of the Gandhi Smriti Museum. They also participated in the Gandhi quiz on this occasion. The participants were given copies of the GSDS monthly magazine 'Antimjan' on this occasion.



Delegation of the 75th edition of the Know India Program from nine countries in the Gandhi Smriti museum.

Ambassadors, High Commissioners, officials from about 28 embassies and High Commissions in New Delhi India visited Gandhi Darshan on July 18, 2024 at the conference organized by GSDS on the occasion of the 106th birth anniversary of Nelson Mandela. The countries included



Ambassadors, High Commissioners, officials from about 28 embassies and High Commissions in New Delhi during their visit to Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.

Ms. Akai Riko, Researcher/Advisor and Mr. Saskai Kei, First Secretary (Political Affairs), Embassy of Japan in India visited Gandhi Smriti on July 23, 2024 during which they saw Mahatma Gandhi's room and the Martyr's Column. A discussion regarding the tentative upcoming visit by the Speaker of the Lower House of Japan during August was also held.



Ms. Akai Riko and Mr. Saskai Kei from the Embassy of Japan in India during their visit to the Gandhi Smriti museum.

Dr. Hassan Abbasi, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism for the United Republic of Tanzania visited Gandhi Smriti Museum on July 23, 2024.

H.E. Mr. Evagoras Vryonides, High Commissioner of the Republic of Cyprus in India paid homage to Mahatma Gandhi at the Martyr's Column in Gandhi Smriti during his visit on July 26, 2024.



H.E. Mr. Evagoras Vryonides, High Commissioner of the Republic of Cyprus in India at the Gandhi Smriti museum.

Shri Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer of GSDS facilitated Shri Raghvendra Pratap Singh from Ministry of Defence, Army Base, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh during his visit to Gandhi Smriti on July 29, 2024. Later Ms. Baruna Madan, Superintending Engineer also joined during a guided tour of the Gandhi Smriti Museum. Shri Sanjeet also facilitated Shri Raghvendra on this occasion.



Shri Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer GSDS, with Shri Raghvendra Pratap Singh from Ministry of Defence, Army Base, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh in Gandhiji's room in Gandhi Smriti.

Dr. Veerabhadra Rao V and his students from the Gururau Government Homoeo Medical College, Gudivada, Andhra Pradesh visited Gandhi Smriti on August 2, 2024 along with 50 aspiring Homoeopathic doctors.

As part of the 76th edition of the Know India Programme organized by the Ministry of External Affairs, 40 young participants from the Indian diaspora, hailing from countries such as Trinidad and Tobago, Fiji, Guyana, Suriname, South Africa, Mauritius and Myanmar, visited Gandhi Smriti on Monday, August 19, 2024. They were given an insightful guided tour of the Gandhi Smriti Museum. Dr. Saurav Kr. Rai, Research Officer, and Shri Rajdeep Pathak, Programme Executive at GSDS, warmly welcomed the group to Gandhi Smriti. Museum guides Mr. Deepak and Mr. Harinder were also present on this special occasion, ensuring an enriching experience for all.



40 young participants from the Indian diaspora from eight different nations visit Gandhi Smriti as part of the 76th Know India Programme of Ministry of External Affairs.

43 students 3 teachers from Father Muller College of Nursing, Mangalore, Karnataka visited Gandhi Smriti on August 21, 2024 and were given a guided tour of the Museum.



Dr. Lena Nanushyan the First Deputy Minister of Health for the Republic of Armenia visited Gandhi



Dr. Lena Nanushyan from the Republic of Armenia with other members of Armenian delegation in Gandhi Smriti.

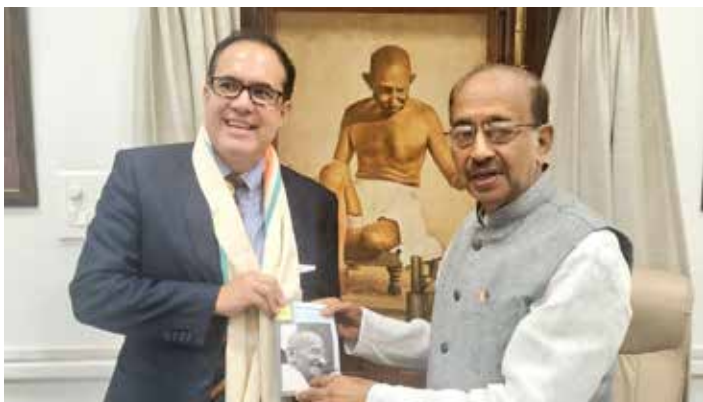
Smriti on August 29, 2024, during which she offered her tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at the Martyr's Column. Dr. Vladimir Poghosyan, First Secretary from the Embassy of the Republic of Armenia in India accompanied the delegation. She also visited the Eternal Gandhi Multi Media Museum on this occasion.

Joint Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India, Ms. Roopa Mishra visited Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat on August 31, 2024. Dr. Jwala Prasad, Director of the Samiti welcomed her and presented her a Gandhi Charkha on this occasion. They discussed future collaborative programmes. Shri Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer, GSDS was also present along with Programme Officer Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu. Shri Rajnish Kumar, In-Charge of Mahatma Gandhi Samadhi at Rajghat also accompanied Ms. Roopa Mishra. Director, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Shri Vinay Jha was also present on this occasion.



Joint Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India, Ms. Roopa Mishra is being felicitated with a Gandhi Charkha by Director GSDS, Dr. Jwala Prasad.

Shri Vijay Goel, Vice Chairman Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti welcomed Mr. Juan Carlos Rojas Arango, Minister Counselor of the Embassy of Colombia in India and presented him the autobiography of Mahatma Gandhi. First Secretary, Ms Angelica who



Mr. Juan Carlos Rojas Arango, Minister Counselor of the Embassy of Columbia in India receives a copy of Gandhiji's Autobiography from Hon'ble VC GSDS, Shri Vijay Goel.

was also present on this occasion was also presented Gandhiji's autobiography on this occasion on May 29, 2025.

Col Kioe A Sen, Werner, Commander of Armed Forces of Suriname visited Gandhi Smriti on September 11, 2024. Wing Commander Parineeta accompanied the delegation along with Captain Ramdas Dineshdatt.



Col. Kioe A Sen of Suriname with Dr. Saurav Kr. Rai, Research Officer GSDS in Gandhi Smriti museum.

Colonel Hovhannes Vardanyan, Chief of Air Force, Republic of Armenia visited Gandhi Smriti on September 11, 2024. Wing Commander Mr. Manoj accompanied the delegation. Dr. Saurav Kr. Rai, Research Officer, GSDS and Sh. Rajdeep Pathak, Programme Executive welcomed the delegation. Colonel Hovhannes Vardanyan also offered tributes at the Martyr's Column and visited the Gandhi Smriti Museum.



Colonel Hovhannes Vardanyan, Chief of Air Force, Republic of Armenia visited Gandhi Smriti and offered tributes at the Martyr's Column.

A Delegation of Asia Pacific Conference on Civil Aviation as part of the 2nd Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference 2024 visited Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat on September 12, 2024 and was given a guided tour of the Gandhi Darshan Museum. Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer

and Shri Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer GSDS welcomed the delegation and also interacted with them.



Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer GSDS with the Delegation of Asia Pacific Conference on Civil Aviation as part of the 2nd Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference 2024 in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.



H.E. Mr. Omar Lisandro Castaneda Solares, Ambassador of Guatemala to India, is seen receiving a Gandhi Charkha from Hon'ble Vice Chairman GSDS, Shri Vijay Goel, during his visit to Gandhi Smriti.

On September 19, 2024, H.E. Mr. Omar Lisandro Castaneda Solares, Ambassador of Guatemala to India, visited Gandhi Smriti. Shri Vijay Goel, Vice Chairman of the Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (GSDS), warmly welcomed the Ambassador by presenting him with an angavastram and a charkha — symbolic gifts representing Mahatma Gandhi's enduring legacy. Shri Goel also presented Mahatma Gandhi's autobiography to Mr. Joseph Peter Bellavia and Prof. Water Enrique Gutierrez Molina, esteemed members of the Guatemalan delegation. The delegation offered tributes at the Martyr's Column. During their visit, Dr. Saurav Kr. Rai, Research Officer, and Shri Rajdeep Pathak, Programme Executive, led a guided tour for the delegation on this occasion. Mr. Krishan provided an insightful tour of the Multi Media exhibition.

As part of the 77th edition of the 'Know India Programme' organized by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, 40 young participants from the Indian diaspora, hailing from different countries, visited Gandhi Smriti on Friday, September 20, 2024.



40 young participants representing the Indian diaspora, as part of the 77th Know India Programme, visited Gandhi Smriti.

A delegation from the Ministry of Defence of Uganda and Botswana, led by their Directors and IT professionals, visited Gandhi Smriti on September 27, 2024. During their visit, they were given a guided tour of the Gandhi Smriti Museum, where they explored the rich history and legacy of Mahatma Gandhi. The delegation also paid homage to Mahatma Gandhi by offering their respects at the Martyr's Column.



A delegation from the Ministry of Defence of Uganda and Botswana, led by their Directors and IT professionals at the Prayer Ground in Gandhi Smriti.



His Excellency Mr. Victor Echeverri, Ambassador of Colombia to India visiting the Mahatma Gandhi room in Gandhi Smriti during his visit on October 4, 2024.



Minister of Foreign Affairs from Argentina Ms. Diana Mondino in front of the life-size statue of Mahatma Gandhi with the spinning wheel in Gandhi Smriti.

Minister of Foreign Affairs from Argentina Ms. Diana Mondino paid a visit to Gandhi Smriti on October 8, 2024. She offered tributes at the Martyr's Column. She also visited the Mahatma Gandhi room including the dolls museum at the Gandhi Smriti museum.

Shri Vijay Goel, Hon'ble Vice Chairman, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, welcomed Mr. Paul J Foster, CEO Global Esports Federation in Gandhi Smriti on October 15, 2024 and presented him the Gandhi Charkha. Mr. Paul also offered tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at the Martyr's Column and visited Gandhiji's room.



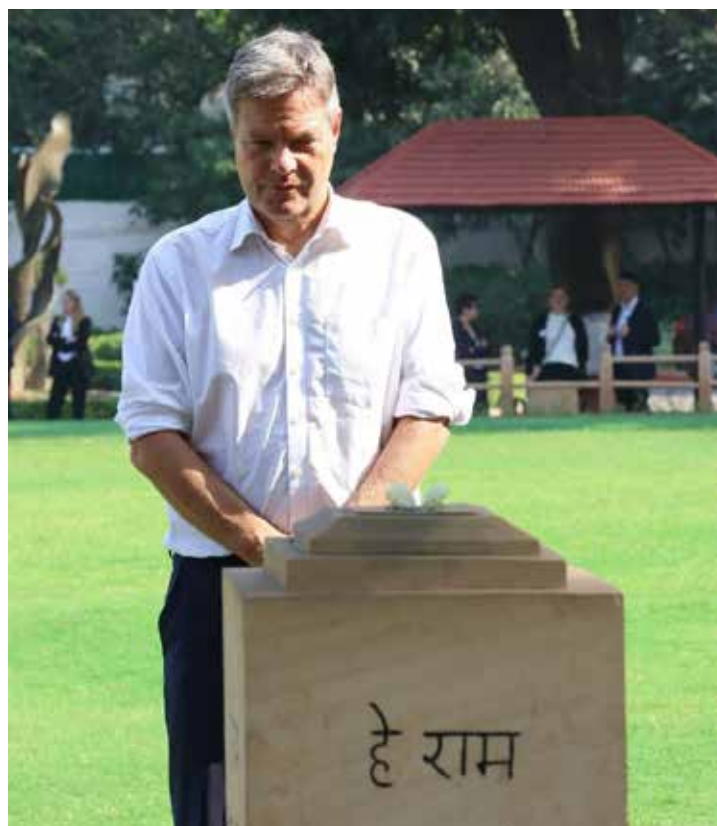
Shri Vijay Goel, Hon'ble Vice Chairman, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, presents a Gandhi Charkha to Mr. Paul J Foster, CEO Global Esports Federation.

Shri Vijay Goel, Hon'ble Vice Chairman of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, warmly welcomed Mr. Jorge Rojas Rodriguez, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of Colombia, and H.E. Mr. Victor Echeverry, Ambassador of Colombia, during their visit to Gandhi

Smriti on October 16, 2024. Shri Goel presented them with a Gandhi Charkha and Mahatma Gandhi's Autobiography, which they received with enthusiasm. The delegation also paid homage at the Martyr's Column and toured the museum.



Shri Vijay Goel, Hon'ble VC GSDS welcomes Mr. Jorge Rojas Rodriguez, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of Colombia, and H.E. Mr. Victor Echeverry, Ambassador of Colombia in India with a Gandhi Charkha.



H.E. Dr. Robert Habeck, Vice Chancellor of the Republic of Germany pays tribute at the Martyr's Column.

On October 24, 2024, H.E. Dr. Robert Habeck, Vice Chancellor of the Republic of Germany, paid a state visit to India and visited Gandhi Smriti, where he offered tributes at the Martyr's Column. Accompanying him on this occasion were Hon'ble Members of the German Parliament, Mr. Houben, Mr. Metzler, and Mrs. Werner.

Mr. Bogdan, Dumea, State Secretary, Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digitization of the

Government of Romania visited the Gandhi Smriti Museum on October 25, 2024. He also offered tributes at the Martyr's Column and visited Gandhiji's room.



Mr. Bogdan, Dumea, State Secretary, Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digitization of the Government of Romania stands before the Martyr's Column in Gandhi Smriti as a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi.

Gandhi on October 25, 2024 at the Martyr's Column. Hon'ble Vice Chairman GSDS, Shri Vijay Goel welcomed them by presenting them Gandhiji's Autobiography and Charkha. Administrative Officer of GSDS Shri Sanjeet Kumar also met the delegation on this occasion.



Hon'ble Vice Chairman GSDS welcomed Dr. B R Mani, Director General, National Museum in Gandhi Smriti on October 28, 2024 by presenting him a Gandhi Charkha and Angavastram.

Shri Vijay Goel Hon'ble Vice Chairman GSDS visited the National Museum on November 1, 2024 and was given a warm welcome by the Director General Dr B R Mani. Shri Goel also visited the museum galleries and the library.



Poet, writer and humorist Padmashri Shri Surendra Sharma visited Gandhi Smriti on October 25, 2024 and met Shri Vijay Goel, Hon'ble Vice Chairman GSDS.



Director GSDS, Dr. Jwala Prasad welcomed Dr. Rahas Kumar Mohanty, Deputy Secretary, Lalit Kala Akademi in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat on November 5, 2024 and presented him the GSDS monthly Antim Jan.

As part of the 78th "Know India Programme", organised by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, 40 young participants from the Indian Diaspora visited Gandhi Smriti on November 7, 2024. These enthusiastic youth from different countries were welcomed by Dr. Saurav K. Rai, Research Officer, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti. Thereafter they undertook a tour of the Gandhi Smriti Museum.



Shri Vijay Goel, Hon'ble VC welcomed computer scientists Ms. Martha Elizabeth Pollack and Mr. Kenneth Gottschlich during their visit to the Gandhi Smriti museum.

Computer Scientist, Ms. Martha Elizabeth Pollack and Mr. Kenneth Gottschlich, Sr. Board Members with the IBM at the United States paid tributes to Mahatma



Hon'ble Vice Chairman of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, Shri Vijay Goel, warmly welcomed the Hon'ble Vice-Minister of Agriculture from the Netherlands, Mr. Jan Kees Goet, at Gandhi Smriti, by presenting the iconic Gandhi Charkha on November 13, 2024. The Ambassador of the Netherlands to India, H.E. Mrs. Marisa Gerards, along with Ms. Sarah Vissers were also

present on the occasion. Together, they paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi at the Martyr's Column and explored the Museum.

Ms. Shalini Dewan, former United Representative of India and Bhutan along with former Ambassador to South Africa and former Director General ICCR, Sh. Shankar Mukherjee visited Gandhi Smriti on November 19, 2024 and visited the Gandhi Smriti museum.



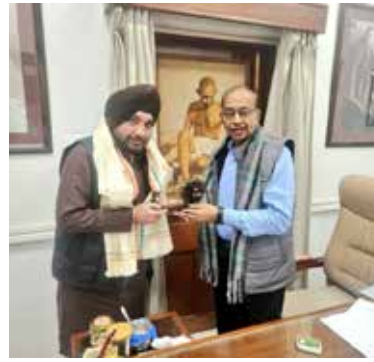
Ms. Shalini Dewan and Sh. Shankar Mukherjee in Mahatma Gandhi room in Gandhi Smriti museum.



Shri Sanjeet Kumar (third from L), Administrative Officer GSDS with the Korean delegation in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.

Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti hosted a Korean delegation in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat on November 20, 2024 which was welcomed by Administrative Officer of GSDS, Shri Sanjeet Kumar along with Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer. Leading the delegation was Mr. Wonju Jung, Chairman of Korea Housing Builders Association and Chairman of Daewoo E&C. Sardar Harbhajan Singh, Founder of NRI Welfare Society of India (Regd) along with Sardar Daljeet Singh was also present on this occasion.

The delegation visited Gandhi Darshan Museum and later was joined by Senior Gandhian, Shri Rajnish Kumar at the Mahatma Gandhi Samadhi at Rajghat where they offered tributes to Mahatma Gandhi.



Hon'ble Vice Chairman GSDS Shri Vijay Goel welcomed Shri Arvinder Singh Lovely in Gandhi Smriti with a Gandhi Charkha on November 30, 2024

Sardar Sukhvinder Singh Babbar, Member, Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee along with other representatives met the Hon'ble Vice Chairman of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti in Gandhi Smriti on December 2, 2024 and also welcomed him in their traditional manner. They further discussed various issues on this occasion.



Sardar Sukhvinder Singh Babbar, Member, Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee is seen felicitating Hon'ble Vice Chairman of GSDS, Shri Vijay Goel in Gandhi Smriti.

A 40-member delegation from Taiwan who visited India for the first time, came to Gandhi Smriti on December 6, 2024. The delegation also offered tributes at the Martyr's Column on this occasion.



Members of the delegation from Taiwan in Martyr's Column in Gandhi Smriti.



Hon'ble Justice Pankaj Mithal, Judge, Supreme Court of India visited Gandhi Smriti on December 7, 2024 and offered tributes at the Martyr's Column. He also visited Mahatma Gandhi's room and the Gandhi Smriti Museum.



Hon'ble President of Sri Lanka, H.E. Anura Kumara Dissanayake paid tribute to the 12ft statue of Mahatma Gandhi at Gandhi Darshan Rajghat. Director GSDS, Dr. Jwala Prasad received and welcomed him on this occasion. Administrative Officer Mr. Sanjeet Kumar was also present on the occasion.

H.E. Mr. Paulo Rangel, Minister of State and Foreign Affairs of the Portuguese Republic visited Gandhi Smriti on December 13, 2024 and offered tribute to Mahatma Gandhi at the Martyr's Column. H.E. Mr. Joao Ribeiro de Almeida, Ambassador of Portugal in India was also present on this occasion. They also visited the Gandhi Smriti Museum on this occasion.



Renowned Punjabi Singer, Sardar Malkit Singh, recipient of the UK Asian Music Awards and Member of the Order of the British Empire, visited Gandhi Smriti on December 16, 2024 and offered his tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at the Martyr's Column. He also visited the Gandhi Smriti museum on this occasion. Shri Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer of GSDS welcomed him on this occasion and presented him the Gandhi Charkha as well as the Samiti's monthly publication 'Antim Jan'.



Shri Sanjeet Kumar with renowned Punjabi Singer Sardar Malkit Singh in Gandhi Smriti.

Around 40 diplomats from Rwanda, Libya and South Sudan attending a combined course at The Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service (SSIFS) visited Gandhi Smriti on December 15, 2024 during which they offered tributes at the Martyr's Column and visited the Gandhi Smriti Museum. Among those who visited included Diplomats of the rank of Central Africa Affairs Officer, Officer in-charge Western Europe, East and Southern Europe, South Asia Affairs, Asia, Pacific and Middle East Department, MFA & International Cooperation, First, Second and Third Secretary of MFA.



Shri Vijay Goel, VC GSDS and his wife Smt. Preeti Goel are seen with Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan in Governor House, Mumbai.



Shri Vijay Goel, Vice Chairman of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, paid a courtesy visit to the Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan, at Raj Bhavan, Maharashtra, on January 4, 2025. During the visit, he presented the Governor with a Gandhi Charkha and engaged in an enriching interaction.

A 40-member delegation of 81st Know India Programme conducted by Ministry of External Affairs visited Gandhi Smriti on January 5, 2025. The delegation represented countries such as Fiji, France, Guyana, Israel, Malaysia, Mauritius, Myanmar, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Tanzania and Trinidad & Tobago. A guided tour was provided to them on this occasion.



Dr. Jwala Prasad, Director GSDS with Shri Rajeev Kumar and Shri Aneish P Ranjan in Gandhi Darshan Art Gallery.

They toured the newly inaugurated Gandhi Darshan Art Gallery and commended the Samiti's initiative in promoting art and culture.



Members of the delegation from 81st Know India Programme in Gandhi Smriti Multi-Media Exhibition.



Students from 'Gandhi-King Scholarly Exchange Initiative' as part of "Understanding Gandhi" visited the Gandhi Smriti museum.



Shri Vijay Goel, Hon'ble Vice Chairman GSDS welcomed Ms. Shobana Bhartia, Chairperson and editorial director of HT Media by presenting a Gandhi Charkha during her visit to Gandhi Smriti.

Mr. Wesley Williams, Senior Research Director II, Education & Child Development, NORC at the University of Chicago visited Gandhi Smriti on January 7, 2025 and was given a guided tour of the museum.



Dr. Jwala Prasad, Director of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, warmly welcomed esteemed dignitaries to Gandhi Darshan on January 7, 2025.

The visiting dignitaries included Shri Rajeev Kumar, Director of the Centre for Cultural Resources and Training and Secretary of Lalit Kala Akademi; Shri Aneish P. Rajan, Director of the Academy, Ministry of Culture; and Shri Raju Das, Secretary of Sangeet Natak Akademi.



Dr. Sandhya Purecha and Smt. Uma Nanduri are being felicitated by Shri Sanjeet Kumar and Dr. Jwala Prasad in Gandhi Darshan Rajghat.

Dr. Sandhya Purecha, Chairman Sangeet Natak Akademi and Smt. Uma Nanduri, Joint Secretary

Academy, Ministry of Culture, visited the Gandhi Darshan Art Gallery on January 9, 2025 and were welcomed on this occasion by Director GSDS, Dr. Jwala Prasad by Gandhi Charkha. Administrative Officer of GSDS, Shri Sanjeet Kumar also presented them copies of the 'Antim Jan' monthly magazine.



Social entrepreneur Mr. Huzefa Ali offers floral tribute to Mahatma Gandhi at the Martyr's Column in Gandhi Smriti.

Mr. Huzefa Ali, a social entrepreneur and businessman from Dubai visited Gandhi Smriti and paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi at the Martyr's Column. Shri Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer of GSDS, welcomed him and presented him with a Gandhi Charkha as a memento. On this occasion, Mr. Huzefa was also given a guided tour of the Gandhi Smriti Museum.



Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti hosted the delegation from USA from the Center of Policy Research and Governance an Indian Council of Social Science research Institute in Gandhi Smriti on January 15, 2025. The delegation who were given a guided tour of the Gandhi Smriti Museum included Ms. Sylvie Gallier Howard, Founder and CEO of Equitable Cities Consulting; Mr. Aaron Riggins, Legislative Liaison in the office of Ohio Governor Mr. Mike DeWine; Mr. Bishara Addison, Director of Workforce Innovation at the Fund for Our Economic Future; Ms. Khadijah Fair, Project Director for MomsFirst at the Cleveland Department

of Public Health and Ms. Nicole Rouhani, Programme Officer at World Learning, USA.



Indonesian Military Academy led by Brigadier General Kristomei Sianturi visited Gandhi Smriti.

Group of 189 cadets from the Indonesian Military Academy led by Brigadier General Kristomei Sianturi visited Gandhi Smriti on January 22, 2025. These cadets participated in the Republic Day parade on 26th January.



Dr. Sven Halldorn, Mr. Christian Kohlhase, Ms. Teresa Wolff Metternich from the Federal Republic of Germany pays homage to Mahatma Gandhi in Martyr's Column.

Dr. Sven Halldorn, Director General for Policy, Federal Ministry of Digital and Transport (BMDV) from the Federal Republic of Germany visited Gandhi Smriti on January 17, 2025 and were given a guided tour of the Gandhi Smriti Museum. The other members of the delegation included Mr. Christian Kohlhase, Head of Unit for Foreign Trade, Ms. Teresa Wolff Metternich, Policy Officer of BMDV. Mr. Alexander Reck and Ms. Nitika Dadhich Advisor Head of Section for Digital & Transport of the Embassy of Germany in India were also present on this occasion.

On Sunday, January 19, 2025, a delegation of pilgrims in the footsteps of Buddha and Gandhi led by Dharmacharya Shantum Seth visited Gandhi Smriti

museum and offered tributes at the Martyr's Column. A session on meditation and self-introspection was conducted on this occasion.



Dharmacharya Shantum Seth is seen addressing the delegation in the Prayer Ground in Gandhi Smriti.



Shri Vijay Goel, Hon'ble VC GSDS is seen welcoming the Ambassador of Burundi in India HE Mr. Aloys Bizindavyi and his wife Mrs. Niyongere, who also visited Gandhiji's room.

Vice Chairman GSDS, Shri Vijay Goel welcomed H.E. Mr. Aloys Bizindavyi, Ambassador of the Republic of Burundi in India in Gandhi Smriti on January 21, 2025 and presented him the Gandhi Charkha on this occasion. He also welcomed his wife Mrs. Niyongere on this occasion. Mr. Nestor, guest of Ambassador Mr. Aloys was also present on this occasion. The delegation offered tribute at the Martyr's Column and also visited Mahatma Gandhi's room.

Mr. Narain S N, PS to Hon'ble MoS Tourism, visited Gandhi Smriti on January 21, 2025 and was presented Gandhi Charkha by Hon'ble Vice Chairman GSDS, Shri Vijay Goel. Mr. Narain also paid homage to Mahatma Gandhi at the Martyr's Column on this occasion.



Shri Vijay Goel, Hon'ble Vice Chairman GSDS welcomed Dr. Anil Agarwal, Director G B Pant Institute

of Postgraduate Medical Education & Research MAM College, University of Delhi in Gandhi Smriti on January 24, 2025 and presented him a Gandhi Charkha on this occasion.



Dr. ir Sjoukje Heimovaara, President of the Executive Board of Wageningen University & Research along with Mr. Kalyan Guntuboyina, Account Manager, Asia at Wageningen University and Research at the Embassy of Netherlands in India visited Gandhi Smriti on January 25, 2025 and was given a guided tour of the Museum.



Ms. Gurpreet Kaur Prakash, Principal, GD Goenka Public Schol, Chandigarh is seen presenting a planter to Shri Vijay Goel, Hon'ble VC GSDS in Gandhi Smriti.

Shri Vijay Goel, Hon'ble Vice Chairman GSDS welcomed Smt. Gurpreet Kaur Prakash, Principal of GD Goenka Public School, Mohali, Chandigarh in Gandhi Smriti during her visit on January 25, 2025. Smt. Gurpreet also offered tributes at the Martyr's Column and visited the Gandhi Smriti museum. The school showed keen interest in joining with Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti as part of the GSDS 'Taking Gandhi to School' programme.



Smt. Medha Vishram Kulkarni, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha visited Gandhi Smriti on January 29, 2025, during which she offered tribute to Mahatma Gandhi at the Martyr's Column.



Prof. Mariusz Misztal, historian and linguist at the Pedagogical University of Cracow, Poland visited Gandhi Smriti on January 31, 2025 and offered tributes at the Martyr's Column.

Hon'ble Vice Chairman GSDS, Shri Vijay Goel received and welcomed Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic, H.E. Mr. George Gerapetritis in Gandhi Smriti on February 6, 2025 and presented him Gandhi Charkha. Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs for Economic Diplomacy and Openness, Mr. Tasos Chatzivasileiou who accompanied the Foreign Minister was also presented Gandhiji's autobiography. Ambassador of the Hellenic Republic to the Republic of India, H.E. Mrs. Aliko Koutsomitopoulou was also present on the occasion.



(Left): Hon'ble Vice Chairman GSDS, Shri Vijay Goel, during a meeting with Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic, H.E. Mr. George Gerapetritis in Gandhi Smriti. (Right): The delegation also offered tribute at the Martyr's Column.

The other members of the delegation included: Director to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ms. Pinelopi Tsilika; Diplomatic Advisor of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ms. Maria Corantis; Spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ms. Spyridoula Ioanna Zochiou; Special Advisor to the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Chatzivasileiou Alexandros Triantafillou and Head of Security of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. George Stamatopoulos.

Shri Vinay Kumar, Addl. Secretary, Bhavan Nirman Vibhag-cum-Director Bapu Tower, Gardani Bagh, Khagaul Road, Patna was welcomed by Dr Jwala Prasad, Director Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti in

Gandhi Darshan Rajghat on February 10, 2025 during which they discussed about future collaborative projects. Administrative Officer GSDS Shri Sanjeet Kumar was also present on this occasion.



Shri Vinay Kumar, receiving a copy of 'Antim Jan' magazine from Dr. Jwala Prasad and Shri Sanjeet Kumar at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.

Shri Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer GSDS welcomed renowned actress and film Director Ms. Revathy in Gandhi Smriti on February 21, 2025 during which he presented her with the Angavastram and Gandhi Charkha. She also visited the Gandhi Smriti Museum on this occasion.



Shri Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer GSDS with renowned actress and film Director Ms. Revathy in Gandhi Smriti museum.

Delegation from the Netherlands, United Kingdom, the United States of America, and Switzerland visited Gandhi Smriti on March 2, 2025 during which they visited the Martyr's Column and also the Gandhi Smriti Museum.



Members from the delegation from the Netherlands, United Kingdom, the U.S. and Switzerland at the Prayer Ground in Gandhi Smriti.



Members of Parliament from Sweden which included Ms Alexandra Völker, Mr Johan Buser, Ms Lotta Johnsson Fornarve and Mr Stefan Olsson visited Gandhi Smriti on March 2, 2025 and were given a guided tour of the museum.

H.E. Marcos Perestrella, Vice President of the Portuguese Parliament & President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly along with Mr. Henrik Bliddal, Deputy Secretary General NATO Parliamentary Assembly visited Gandhi Smriti on March 16, 2025 and offered tributes at the Martyr's Column. H.E. Mr. Joao Riberio de Almeida, Ambassador of Portugal in India was also present on this occasion. The delegation visited the Gandhi Smriti museum including Gandhiji's room. On this occasion H.E. Mr. Joao Riberio de Almeida, Ambassador of Portugal in India presented the first edition of commemorative postage stamps on Mahatma Gandhi issued by the Government of Portugal to GSDS, for the proposed stamp museum to be developed by Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti.



H.E. Marcos Perestrella, Vice President of the Portuguese Parliament & President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly offers tribute to Mahatma Gandhi during his visit to Gandhi Smriti.



Ms. Pallavi P. Holkar, Director (i/c) GSDS presents Gandhiji's autobiography to Dr. Anna Luehrmann, German Minister of State, of Foreign Affairs in Germany in Gandhi Smriti.

Dr. Anna Luehrmann, Minister of State, from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Germany visited

Gandhi Smriti on March 21, 2025 and was welcomed by Director Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti Ms. Pallavi Prashant Holkar who presented them Mahatma Gandhi's autobiography. Mr Sebastian Borchmeyer, First Secretary to the Embassy of Republic of Germany in India was also present on this occasion.



Students from the Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, South Korea pose for a photograph with Shri Sanjeet Kumar, Administrative Officer GSDS (Centre), in Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.

Shri Sanjeet Kumar Administrative Officer GSDS, met the students from the Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, South Korea in Gandhi Darshan Rajghat on March 21, 2025. Mr Seongjun Kim led the delegation who was also given a guided tour of the Gandhi Darshan museum. Earlier Dr Saurav Kr Rai Research Officer GSDS & Mr Shakil accompanied the delegation to Mahatma Gandhi memorial at Rajghat where they offered tributes to Gandhiji.



Mr. Konstantinos Kalaltzis, a singer from Greece, visited Gandhi Smriti on March 23, 2025. He had sung Mahatma Gandhi's favorite hymn, Vaishnava Jana To, in its original tune and Hindi language as part of the 150th birth anniversary celebrations of Mahatma Gandhi.

In 2019, he was among 124 artists from 124 countries who participated in an initiative by the Government of India, inviting artists from around the world to sing this revered hymn as a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi's 150th Birth Anniversary.

IN THE MEDIA

गांधी स्मृति एवं दर्शन समिति ने 'अहिंसा का मार्ग' विषय पर आयोजित की विद्यार्थियों की 'कविता पाठ प्रतियोगिता'



टीम एक्शन इंडिया नई दिल्ली, गांधी स्मृति एवं दर्शन समिति द्वारा 'अहिंसा का मार्ग' विषय पर एक कक्षा-प्रतिस्पर्धी का आयोजन किया गया। इस कार्यक्रम

में दिल्ली और एकराज के 50 स्कूलों ने भाग लिया। कविता प्रतियोगिता के विजेताओं ने स्कूलों के सहज संयोजक व कवि टोकरा कैटरेशिन, कविता कवि विवेक पण्डार, हिन्दी अकादमी दिल्ली की



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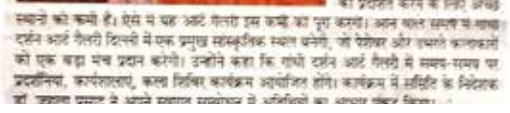


The 100th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on the eve of Gandhi Jayanti, which will be celebrated on October 2, 2024 by inaugurating an 8000-Tonne Bronze Mahatma Statue designed by Nandu Aggarwal.

पंजाब केसरी

ओम बिरला ने नई गांधी दर्शन आर्ट गैलरी का उद्घाटन किया

नई दिल्ली, (पंजाब केसरी) लोकसभा अध्यक्ष ओम बिरला ने संसदघर की राजघाट स्थित 36 एकड़ में फैले गांधी दर्शन परिसर में नए विकसित 'गांधी दर्शन आर्ट गैलरी' का उद्घाटन किया। इस उद्घाटन कार्यक्रम में देशभर से आए लगभग 100 कलाकारों ने भाग लिया। इस अवसर पर प्रसिद्ध बुनियादी रूप सुनात विविध अतिथि के रूप में उपस्थित रहे। कार्यक्रम की अध्यक्षता पूर्व केंद्रीय मंत्री और गांधी स्मृति एवं दर्शन समिति के उपाध्यक्ष विशाल मोहन ने की। इस अवसर पर उपस्थित कलाकारों और बुनियादी को समर्पित करने हुए अन्य विभाग ने गांधी दर्शन आर्ट गैलरी की उद्घाटन के लिए एक संयोजक समिति के रूप में कार्य करने की इस परियोजना को प्रेरित किया है। विशाल मोहन ने कहा कि दिल्ली में कलाकारों के लिए अपने कलाओं को प्रदर्शित करने के लिए अच्छे स्थानों की कमी है। ऐसे में यह आर्ट गैलरी इस कमी को पूरा करेगी। जहां कलाकार अपने-अपने अर्थों में एक साथ प्रदर्शन कर सकेंगे। उन्होंने कहा कि गांधी दर्शन आर्ट गैलरी में समग्र-रूप पर प्रदर्शनों, कार्यक्रमों, कला प्रदर्शन कार्यक्रम आयोजित होंगे। कार्यक्रम के निदेशक डॉ. जगजित प्रसाद ने अपने संबोधन में अतिथि को धन्यवाद दिया।



नई दिल्ली, 7 जनवरी, 2025 दैनिक जागरण III

गांधी जी के सिद्धांतों से अहिंसात्मक आंदोलन की मिली प्रेरणा: बिरला

जगत संसदघर, नई दिल्ली: लोकसभा अध्यक्ष ओम बिरला ने संसदघर की राजघाट स्थित 36 एकड़ में फैले गांधी दर्शन परिसर में नए विकसित 'गांधी दर्शन आर्ट गैलरी' का उद्घाटन किया। कार्यक्रम में देशभर से आए लगभग 100 कलाकारों ने भाग लिया। प्रसिद्ध बुनियादी रूप सुनात विविध अतिथि के रूप में उपस्थित रहे, जबकि कार्यक्रम की अध्यक्षता पूर्व केंद्रीय मंत्री और गांधी स्मृति एवं दर्शन समिति के उपाध्यक्ष विशाल मोहन ने की।



लोकसभा अध्यक्ष ओम बिरला, गांधी स्मृति एवं दर्शन समिति के उपाध्यक्ष विशाल मोहन व अन्य सभ्यता केन व आरक्षण

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नई दिल्ली, 11 जनवरी (भास)। केंद्रीय संस्कृति मंत्री और लोकसभा अध्यक्ष ओम बिरला ने नई दिल्ली में एक विशेष रेल डिब्बे का उद्घाटन किया। यह डिब्बा गांधी की यात्राओं को समर्पित है।



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Rail coach dedicated to Bapu unveiled at Raj Ghat

NEW DELHI, 10 JAN 25. A "centenary rail coach" dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi's travels has been unveiled at Raj Ghat. The coach is a 100-tonne train carriage that was used by Gandhi during his travels across India. It is the first of its kind in India. The coach is a 100-tonne train carriage that was used by Gandhi during his travels across India. It is the first of its kind in India.



Om Birla with Union Minister for Culture and Tourism, Gandhiji's 100th Birth Anniversary Committee members and other officials at Raj Ghat, New Delhi.

महात्मा गांधी को समर्पित विशेष रेल डिब्बे का अनावरण

केंद्रीय संस्कृति मंत्री बोले, बापू के सिद्धांत दुनियाभर में प्रासंगिक



यह डिब्बा का उद्घाटन करने के लिए समूची मंत्री एवं निदेशक (भास)।

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सामाजिक बुराईयों के प्रति जागरूकता लाने के लिए हर घर तिरंगा अभियान के तहत बच्चों ने राजघाट स्थित गांधी दर्शन गांधी वाटिका से लाल किले के पास चरती लाल गोयल हैरिटेज पार्क तक मार्च किया। भूषिंदर सिंह

गांधी स्मृति एवं दर्शन समिति नई दिल्ली के समिति सदस्यों ने किया बुनियादी विद्यालय का निरीक्षण

प्रातः किरण संवाददाता

चन-परिषदा। प्रखंड के पराजकीय बुनियादी विद्यालय निरीक्षण अहम का निरीक्षण गांधी स्मृति एवं दर्शन समिति, नई दिल्ली के समिति सदस्यों द्वारा किया गया जिसमें विद्यालय में कार्यरत गांधीयन शिक्षकों एवं बच्चों से पढ़ाई-लिखाई से सम्बंधित जानकारी लीया गया तथा विद्यालय एवं बच्चों से



गई, निरीक्षण के क्रम में सभी गांधीयन शिक्षक एवं बच्चों उपस्थित पाये गये तथा बच्चों से सदस्यों द्वारा विभिन्न प्रकार के सवाल पूछे गये, बच्चों

कार्यक्रम पदाधिकारी डॉ. वेदाभ्यास कुंठु, शशील आराम, समिति सहायक धर्मवीर शर्मा, सतपाल भाटिया, आदि उपस्थित रहे। निदेशक डॉ. जगजित प्रसाद द्वारा विद्यालय परिसर में वृक्षारोपण भी किया गया एवं इसके माध्यम से बच्चों में प्लातायन गांधीयन शिक्षकों संजय कुमार राय, निवेश कुमार पाण्डेय, राजेश कुमार महातो, सुनील कुमार, अंजिता राय,



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महात्मा गांधी की प्रतिमा का अनावरण

नई दिल्ली। गांधी स्मृति एवं दर्शन समिति के उपाध्यक्ष व पूर्व केंद्रीय मंत्री विजय गोयल ने सोमवार को 30 जनवरी मार्ग पर महात्मा गांधी की चरखा चलाते हुए विशाल प्रतिमा का अनावरण किया। कार्यक्रम में पहुंचे दिल्ली के विभिन्न स्कूलों के 350 बच्चों ने एकपक्ष में महात्मा गांधी की प्रिय रामभनु 'रघुपति राघव राजा राम' का गायन किया। वहीं, दिल्ली नगर निगम ने गांधी जयंती के उपलक्ष्य में मेले का आयोजन किया। उद्घाटन महापौर डॉ. शोली औबरॉय ने किया। सिविक सेंटर में आयोजित कार्यक्रम में छात्रों ने सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम प्रस्तुत किए।

महात्मा गांधी का व्यक्तित्व प्रेरक था : विजय गोयल

नई दिल्ली (एसएनबी)। गांधीजी को 155वीं जयंती के मौके पर बुधवार को महात्मा गांधी के शहादा स्थल गांधी स्मृति में सर्वधर्म प्रार्थना सभा का आयोजन किया गया। उपराष्ट्रपति जगदीप धनखड़ और गांधी स्मृति एवं दर्शन समिति के उपाध्यक्ष विजय गोयल ने बापू को श्रद्धांजलि अर्पित की। सोम निगम ने भक्ति संगीत प्रस्तुत किया। कार्यक्रम में अनेक देशों के राजनयिक, गांधीवादी कार्यकर्ता व अन्य गणमान्य लोग उपस्थित थे।

इस अवसर पर गोयल ने कहा कि महात्मा गांधी का व्यक्तित्व बहुत प्रेरक था। गांधीजी ने चरखे और खादी के माध्यम से आत्मनिर्भरता का मंत्र देशवासियों को दिया। उनके विचारों को अंतिमसात करके हम अपना व देश का विकास कर सकते हैं। आज यदि गांधीजी को वास्तव में कोई जौ रहा है तो वह प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी हैं। इनको स्वच्छता, आत्मनिर्भरता, शौचालय महिला सशक्तिकरण आदि अनेक योजनाओं के जरिए महात्मा गांधी के सपनों को साकार किया है। गायक सोनू निगम ने राम धनु, सुख के राम साथी, अच्युतम के शब्द जैसे भजनों में लोगों को भाव विभोर कर दिया। इससे पूर्व विभिन्न धर्मों के गुरुओं ने प्रार्थना प्रस्तुत की।

- उपराष्ट्रपति जगदीप धनखड़ ने भी दी बापू को श्रद्धांजलि
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