



GANDHI STUDY CIRCLE

Kalindi College
University of Delhi
(NAAC Accredited Grade A)



Organizes

**Two days International E-Conference in
Collaboration with
Indian Council for Cultural Relations [ICCR]
REVISITING GANDHIAN PERSPECTIVES ON
DEVELOPMENT: REFLECTIONS ON
CULTURE, SOCIETY AND POLITICS**

September 3rd and 4th, 2021

Venue: Zoom Platform

Patron

Prof. Naina Hasija
Principal, Kalindi College

Conference Coordinator

Dr. Sangita Dhal
Convenor, Gandhi Study Circle

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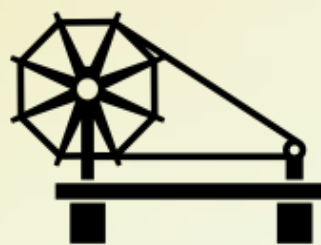
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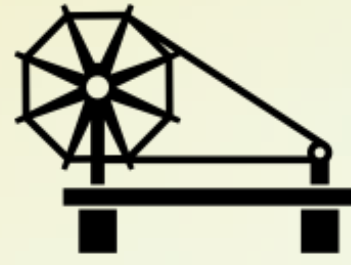
Indian Council for Cultural Relations [ICCR]

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the first Education Minister of independent India, founded the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) on 9th April 1950.

The objectives of the Council are to participate in the formulation and implementation of policies and programmes relating to India's external cultural relations; to foster and strengthen cultural relations and mutual understanding between India and other countries; to promote cultural exchanges with other countries and people; to establish and develop relations with national and international organizations in the field of culture; and to take such measures as may be required to further these objectives.

The ICCR is about a communion of cultures, a creative dialogue with other nations. To facilitate this interaction with world cultures, the Council strives to articulate and demonstrate the diversity and richness of the cultures of India, both in and with other countries of the world.

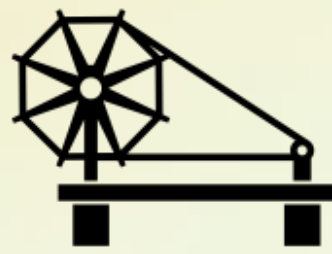
The Council prides itself on being a pre-eminent institution engaged in cultural diplomacy and the sponsor of intellectual exchanges between India and partner countries. It is the Council's resolve to continue to symbolize India's great cultural and educational efflorescence in the years to come.



Brief Overview

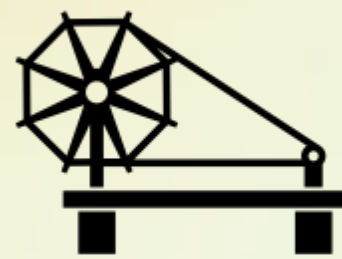
Gandhi Study Circle

Gandhi Study Circle of Kalindi College is an active co-curricular society that has evolved into a platform for encouraging alternative thought and action based on Gandhian ideals amongst young students. Over the past few years we have tried to evolve and nurture our students with such critical inputs (Gandhian intellectual supplements), which will go a long way in shaping their moral fabric. We do believe that Gandhi needs to be reinvented in order to celebrate him as a popular youth icon and emphasize on his continued relevance in contemporary times. For the above said objectives, we have embarked on an ambitious plan of action based on several programmes round the year involving students, teachers and non-teaching staff in the college.



Concept Note

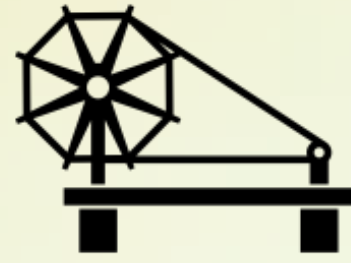
Development is a major subject of debate in contemporary times because of the tremendous impact it has, in terms of its consequences over the socio-economic lives of the people in general and political destiny of the nation-states in particular at the international level. As a major objective of the nation-states, developmental pursuits have generated more problems than solutions, thereby throwing challenges to the evolving alternative models of development. The vision of creating an ideal society based on equity and justice through the implementation of developmental goals is often confronted with problems of conflicting interests, which often manifests into civil war or ethnic conflicts. No fruitful economic development can be realized in an atmosphere of conflict and violence, which are inherent in a society, characterized by cultural and regional diversity. Therefore, if true developmental goals are to be achieved, a peaceful, non-violent socio-political cultural order has to be created, which includes removal of social inequalities, maintaining communal harmony, giving women their due share and ensuring people's participation.



The debate on issues of development has of late assumed a new dimension in the wake of the global pandemic that has forced nation-states to revisit their policies and priorities today. Alternative narratives have emerged to offer solutions to existing problems and future challenges.

It is in this context the International E-Conference on 'Revisiting Gandhian Perspectives on Development: Reflections on Culture, Society and Politics', aims to create a forum for scholars and students to deliberate on Gandhian model of inclusive development and how it can be effective in mitigate Post-Covid concerns.

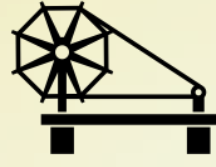
The conference shall aim at creating a platform for academics to explore the possibility of bringing the Gandhian model of economic and social development back in the debate as a possible alternative to modern economic systems based on a globalised world economy.



Key Themes of the Conference

The conference will be conducted through lectures, interactive sessions, case studies and documentary tributes on various themes:

- Contextualizing Gandhi in the Modern World
- Community Development and Self-Reliant India (Atmanirbhar Bharat)
- Reinventing Governance : A Gandhian Perspective
- Development and Environmental Concerns
- Managing Post-Covid Challenges: Policy Interventions



PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Day 1: September 3rd, 2021 [Friday]

INAUGURAL SESSION [5:30pm-7:30pm]

***Inter-Faith Prayer Meet by Students of
Gandhi Study Circle**

**Welcome Dance : Ms. MASAKO ONO [Japan], Ministry of Culture &
ICCR Empaneled Performing Artist**

***CHAIR: Prof. Annapurna Pandey, Dept. of Anthropology,
University of California, USA**

Welcome Address: Prof. Naina Hasija, Principal, Kalindi College

**Reflections on Conference Theme: Dr. Sangita Dhal,
Convenor, Gandhi Study Circle**

**Address by Guest of Honor: Shri Dinesh K Patnaik, Director General,
ICCR, New Delhi**

**Inaugural Address by Special Guest: Dr. Sobhana Radhakrishna,
Chief Functionary, Gandhian Forum for Ethical Corporate Governance**

**Address by Chief Guest: Prof. Lillian Tibatemwa, Honorable Judge,
Supreme Court, Uganda, Africa**

**Keynote Address: Prof. Douglas Allen, Prof. Emeritus of Philosophy,
University of Maine, USA**

***Vote of Thanks: Ms. Keertika Lotni, Co-Convener, Gandhi Study Circle**

****Session Host: Dr. Manila Narzary, Dept. of Political Science**



Day 2: September 4th, 2021 [Saturday]

WORKING SESSION I [9:30am-11:00am]

**Theme - Re-imagining Development :
A Framework For Building Local Self Reliance**

CHAIR: Shri A. Annamalai, Director, National Gandhi Museum, New Delhi

**DISCUSSANT: Dr. Pradeep Peiris, Dept. of Political Science,
University of Colombo, Sri Lanka**

**• Prof. Imtiaz Ahmed, Professor of International Relations & Director,
University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh**

[Title: Gandhi's Politics: The Reconstruction of Tradition]

**• Dr. Biswajit Banerjee, Jt. Secy. Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of
India, New Delhi**

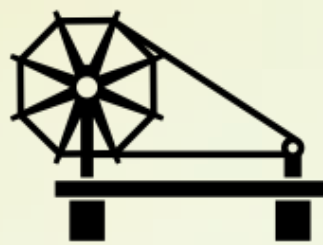
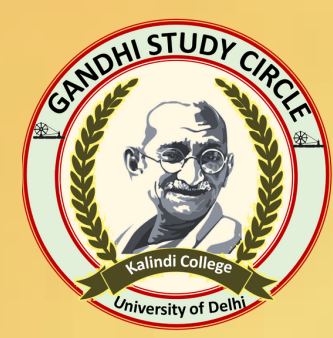
**[Title: Modern Developmental Planning in Rural India: Strengthening the Idea of
Gram Swaraj]**

• Shri Charudutta Panigrahi, Indian Author & Futurist

[Title: Revisiting Technology for Sustainable Development: A Gandhian Perspective]

***Vote of Thanks: Dr. Priyabala Singh, Dept. of Political Science**

****Session Host: Ms. Phunchok Dolker, Dept. of Economics**



Day 2: September 4th, 2021 [Saturday]

WORKING SESSION II [11:30am-1:00pm]

Theme- Art of Living: The Gandhi Way

CHAIR: Prof. Huang Yinghong, School of International Relations, Sun Yat- Sen University, China

- Prof. Dong-Joon Jo, Seoul National University, South Korea**
- Ms. Kumkum Jaiswal, Yonsei University, South Korea**

[Title: The Representation of Gandhi in Korean Public Education, 1954-2020]

- Prof. Hayashi Akira, Faculty of Humanities, Hirosaki University, Japan**

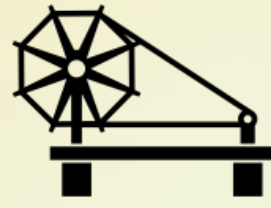
[Title: Contextualizing Gandhi's Hind Swaraj in Contemporary Japanese Art of Living: Some Reflections]

- Dr. Kalsang Wangmo, Central University of Jharkhand, Ranchi**

[Title: Understanding Culture and Identity of the Himalayans: In Perspective to Relevance of Gandhian Principles]

***Vote of Thanks: Ms. Phunchok Dolker, Dept. of Economics**

****Session Host: Ms. Keertika Lotni, Dept. of English**



Day 2: September 4th , 2021 [Saturday]

VALEDICTORY SESSION [6:00pm–8:00pm]

**CHAIR: Shri Kumar Prashant
[Gandhi Peace Foundation]**

**Welcome Address: Prof. Naina Hasija,
Principal, Kalindi College**

***Documentary Tribute by Students of Gandhi Study Circle**

Brief Report of the Conference:

Ms. Keertika Lotni, Co-Convener, Gandhi Study Circle

Special Guest: Shri Dinesh K Patnaik, Director General, ICCR

**Special Address: Ms. Rajni Nagpal, Chairperson,
Governing Body, Kalindi College, DU**

**Valedictory Address: Shri Shakti Sinha, Director, AIPRIS,
MS University, Vadodara, Gujarat**

**Valedictory Remarks: Shri Chandi Prasad Bhatt
[Noted Gandhian Scholar and Activist]**

***Vote of Thanks: Dr. Sangita Dhal, Convenor, Gandhi Study Circle**

**Program concludes with RAM DHUN: Ms. Anuradha Kotiyal,
Dept. of Music & Member, Gandhi Study Circle**

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Conference Organising Committee Members

- i) **Dr. Sangita Dhal - Convenor**
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