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**Gandhi Ji's Thoughts and Values**  
(2019-2020)



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*"Generations to come will scarce believe  
that such a one as this ever in flesh and  
blood walked upon this earth."*

*– Albert Einstein*



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# COLLEGE AT A GLANCE

Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, a premier institution for women's education in North India, was established in 1968 to commemorate the exemplary contribution of Justice Mehr Chand Mahajan to the cause of education. The foundation stone of the College was laid by the then Vice President of India, Dr. V.V. Giri. The institution celebrated its Golden Jubilee in February 2018, and the visit of Hon'ble President of India, Sh. Ram Nath Kovind, to the college made the celebrations truly historic.

Over the years, the College has emerged as an institution of eminence, offering a unique blend of tradition and modernity to its students. It was re-accredited with grade "A" by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bangalore in the year 2016 and has been accorded the Star Status by Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology, Govt. of India. Known for its academic excellence, the College has been ranked amongst the topmost Colleges of the country by leading national dailies and magazines such as *India Today*, *The Week* and *The Tribune*. MCM is also the proud winner of Panjab University Women's General Efficiency Sports Shield 39 times in its existence of 51 years.

In a complete absorption of Gandhian ideals of cleanliness, the College has been one of the forerunners of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. It was awarded the First Prize for the 'Cleanest Residential College' in the country, in the National Swachh Campus Rankings, 2018 by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India. It also won the All India Third Rank in *Best Citizen - Led Initiatives* in the Swachh Sarvekshan by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India in 2019.

## ABOUT THE COLLOQUIUM

This year, we celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of the Great Architect of Indian Independence, the Father of the Nation- Mahatma Gandhi. It is a rare honour for us to belong to a land that spawned such a colossal figure as the world puts up on a pedestal and reveres, whose ideas have shaken regimes out of their smug slumbers, whose vision has lighted up the path of not only ordinary people but some of the greatest leaders known in Modern history.

A true son of his motherland, Mahatma Gandhi's soul beat for India. There is hardly any area of polity which did not get his attention – his benign finger on the national pulse. His treatises on all aspects of governance – economic, administrative, social – became the bedrock principles and goals of Independent India. That finger which led a fledgling nation to a path of self discovery is now gone, but its imprint remains with us in the form of a proud legacy.

The passage of time has brought new challenges and a deluge of new concepts. And yet, the Gandhian thought remains valid more than ever. There was never a direr need of Truth than today, when we are surrounded in the maelstrom of misrepresentation



and lies being broadcast in the name of news. The principle of non-violence may be our only beacon of hope in the gathering darkness of terrorism. *Sarvodaya* and *Antodaya* seem like the logical refuge from the lashing, but justifiable, downpour of discontent of the marginalised. For the young generation bogged in diminishing marginal pleasure, desperately groping for spiritual anchorage, purposefulness and direction through the confusion of a-prophet-a-day phenomenon and the plethora of self help books, the echo of Gandhi's clarion call maybe all that they require. Perhaps some change of method in the application of his concepts in keeping with the compulsions of contemporary times is in order, but being the inheritors of a legacy that the world envies, it becomes the express responsibility of the incumbents to do so.

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## THEMES

The conference seeks papers that exhibit an understanding of Gandhian Thought, and further chart out some novel and practical courses of its application apposite to the present era, covering various aspects of nation building. The following sub themes have been enlisted as general outline. However, any topics beyond these that serve to broaden the scope of the main theme and make discussions more meaningful are welcome:

- Contribution of Gandhi to Indian Economic Policy
- The Gandhian Vision of Mixed Economy
- Relevance of Gandhian Economic Policy in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century
- Ethical and Spiritual Dimensions of Gandhian Philosophy
- Social Inclusiveness in Political Representation
- Gandhi's Concept of Religion: A Philosophical Perspective
- Gandhi: A life beyond the Icon and Iconography
- *Sarvodaya* to *Antodaya*
- Relevance of Peaceful Movement in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century
- Evolution of Gandhian Ideology after 1947
- Rural Reconstruction: Once Again
- Mass Movement as a Tool for Resistance Today
- Foundations of an Ideal Society
- The Power and Potential of Indian Women
- Youth Energy
- The Fuel called Food: Gandhi in the Age of Supplements
- Self reliance in the Era of Globalization
- Where does the Light shine: Selfhood vs Selfiehood
- Relevance of Denial and Discipline in a Pleasure-governed Society
- Sanity among Material/Violent Images
- The Gandhian Meaning of Strength and Power
- The Notion of Nation and Nationalism in the Era of Gandhi and Beyond
- *Vasudhaiva Kutumbkam*: A world celebrating Gandhi's concept of Interconnectedness of Life
- Gandhi and Media
- The Gandhian Model of Education
- Facets of Freedom in Gandhi's Prism

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## Discover the Gandhi within you : Prof. Radhakrishnan during Manthan at MCM



To mark the 150th birth anniversary year of the Father of the Nation, Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women organized a national colloquium titled Manthan: Explorations into Contemporary Challenges and Gandhian Thought. Sponsored by Indian Council of Philosophical Research, the colloquium sought to deliberate upon Gandhian thought and to chart out novel and practical ways of its application apposite to the present era. Prof. N Radhakrishnan, Chairman, Gandhi Peace Mission, Kerala graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Prof. Bindu Puri, Chairperson, Centre for Philosophical School of Social Science, JNU, New Delhi was the keynote speaker and Prof. Pritam Singh, Visiting Scholar, Wolfson College, University of Oxford and Professor Emeritus, Oxford Brookes University, Oxford, UK delivered the distinguished guest lecture and the presidential address was delivered by Prof. Ronki Ram, Dean Social Sciences and Shaheed Bhagat Singh Chair Professor, Department of Political Science, PU. A host of

dignitaries partook in the colloquium including Shri H.R. Gandhar, Senior Governing Body Member, DAV College Managing Committee, New Delhi, Mr. Vijay Kumar, Regional Director, DAV Schools, Prof. Shivani Sharma, Chairperson, Department of Philosophy, PU, and Maj.Gen. I.P.Singh, Director, Mai Bhago Armed Forces Preparatory Institute, Mohali.



In his address Prof. Radhakrishnan put forth various pertinent questions that confront the mankind on the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma including how seriously we, as a nation, have taken Gandhi after his death and an introspection into whether we are worthy of his ideas.

Eulogizing Gandhian thinking and philosophy, he said that in today's world marred by hypocrisy, idiosyncrasy, consumerism, fear and violence, Gandhi provides operational tactics of translating love into action. Prof. Radhakrishnan urged the audience to discover the Gandhi within and expressed hope that the society that Gandhiji envisioned will become a reality one day due to the our sustained efforts.



Delivering the keynote address, Prof. Bindu Puri termed pluralism and the resultant conflict as the biggest challenge of the contemporary times. She asserted that to meet this challenge, 'ahimsa' is of great relevance and further unpacked the complicated Gandhian idea of non-

violence that evolved from the racial, religious and colonial differences faced by him. While expressing admiration for Gandhi's ideas on environment and calling him a pioneer amongst his contemporaries in understanding nature-human relationship, Prof. Pritam Singh opined that there are several layers of mystification around Gandhi that need to be critically evaluated.



Delivering the presidential address, Prof. Ronki Ram expressed admiration for Gandhi's ability to visualize the challenges of the times ahead including alienation, degradation of resources, violence and decline of moral values. He also credited Gandhi for developing a frame of values that could help in building an equitable society.



In his concluding remarks, Shri H.R. Gandhar asserted that since Gandhiji practiced what he preached and reconciled opposing ideologies, he can be a true role model for all mankind in the present times characterized by uncertainty, violence, volatility, ambiguity and fear.



Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava said that Mahatma Gandhi had incisive insights into the future of mankind and his universal doctrines concerning the economy, polity, spirituality, etc. hold immense relevance even today. She added that he was a great transformer and his ideas resonate in the modern world, like trusteeship in CSR and Swadeshi in Make in India.

The valedictory function was presided over by Prof. M.L. Sharma, Department of Gandhian and Peace Studies, PU who gave away the certificates to over 60 paper presenters.



# ऐसे होंगे कामयाब.. जब जीवन में उतारेंगे गांधी जी के सिद्धांत

माई सिटी रिपोर्टर

चंडीगढ़। एमसीएम डीएवी कॉलेज फॉर वुमेन में राष्ट्रपिता महात्मा गांधी की 150वीं जयंती के उपलक्ष्य में राष्ट्रीय व्याख्यान का आयोजन किया गया। इस दौरान विशेषज्ञों

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ने समकालीन चुनौतियों व गांधीवादी विचारों पर प्रकाश डालते हुए कहा कि गांधी जी के अहिंसा के सिद्धांत को जीवन में उतारने की जरूरत है। इस अवसर पर गांधी पीस मिशन केरल के प्रो. राधाकृष्णन मुख्य अतिथि थे।

दीप प्रज्वलन से व्याख्यान का शुभारंभ हुआ। जेएनयू की प्रोफेसर बिंदु पूरी ने बहुलतावाद की समकालीन चुनौतियों और उनसे संघर्ष पर बात की। उन्होंने दैनिक, सामाजिक और राष्ट्रीय गतिविधियों में गांधी प्रदत्त अहिंसा को आचरण में लाने पर बल दिया। साथ ही अपने से मतभेद रखने वाले व्यक्ति

के प्रति आदर और स्नेह भाव रखने, सभी को अभय का दान करने, सहानुभूति और दया भाव से दूसरों को देखने, क्षमा करके विस्मृत कर देने और विनम्रता के मूल मंत्र को अपनाने को गांधी जी की अहिंसा के सिद्धांत का मुख्य घटक बताया। प्रो. राधाकृष्णन ने गांधी के आरंभिक जीवन से लेकर उनकी मृत्यु पर्यंत समस्त जीवन का सिंहावलोकन प्रस्तुत किया।

## एमसीएम में राष्ट्रीय कोलोक्रियम पर किया मंथन

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यूनिवर्सिटी, नयी दिल्ली की चेयरपर्सन प्रो बिंदु पूरी ने बीज वक्तव्य दिया। प्रो डीन सोशल साइंसेज एवं शहीद भगत सिंह चेयर प्रोफेसर, डिपार्टमेंट ऑफ पोलिटिकल साइंस, पंजाब यूनिवर्सिटी के प्रो रोनी राम ने प्रेसिडेंशियल एड्रेस दिया तथा वोल्फसन कॉलेज, ऑक्सफोर्ड यूनिवर्सिटी के विजिटिंग स्कॉलर एवं ऑक्सफोर्ड यूनिवर्सिटी, यू के के

प्रोफेसर एमिरेट्स प्रोफेसर प्रीतम सिंह विशेष वक्ता के रूप में आमंत्रित थे। अन्य गणमान्य अतिथियों में श्री एच आर गांधार, सीनियर गवर्निंग बॉडी मेंबर, डीएवी कॉलेज मैनेजिंग समिति, नयी दिल्ली, माई भागो आर्मंड फोर्सेस प्रिपरेटरी इंस्टीट्यूट फॉर गर्ल्स मोहाली के डायरेक्टर मेजर जनरल आई पी सिंह, व अन्य मौजूद रहे।

# Discover Gandhi within you: Prof. Radhakrishnan

ISHA UPADHYAY  
CHANDIGARH, NOV 27

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## ‘सत्य-अहिंसा के मंत्र को आचरण में लायें’



चंडीगढ़ में बुधवार को एमसीएम डीएवी कालेज में आयोजित कार्यक्रम में प्रो. बिंदु पुरी को गुलदस्ता मेंट करते एचआर गांधार। साथ में हैं प्रो. राधाकृष्णन, प्रो. प्रीतम सिंह, प्रो. रौणकी राम और प्रिंसिपल निशा भार्गव।

चंडीगढ़ (ट्रिब्यून) : राष्ट्रपिता महात्मा गांधी की 150वीं जयंती वर्ष के उपलक्ष्य में मेहर चंद महाजन डीएवी कॉलेज फॉर वूमैन में भारतीय दर्शन अनुसंधान परिषद द्वारा प्रायोजित एक राष्ट्रीय कोलोकियम- ‘मंथन : समकालीन चुनौतियों और गांधीवादी विचारों की व्याख्या’ आयोजित किया। इस अवसर पर गांधी पीस मिशन, केरल से आये प्रो. एन राधाकृष्णन और जेएनयू से आयीं प्रो. बिंदु पुरी ने अपना वक्तव्य दिया। इस अवसर पर प्रो. रौणकी राम, प्रो. प्रीतम सिंह, डीएवी कॉलेज मैनेजिंग समिति के सीनियर गवर्निंग बॉडी मेंबर एचआर गांधार, आईपी सिंह, प्रो. शिवानी शर्मा, प्रो. लल्लन सिंह बघेल, डॉ. गुलशन कुमार मौजूद थे। प्रो. बिंदु पुरी ने दैनिक, सामाजिक और राष्ट्रीय गतिविधियों में गांधी के सत्य-अहिंसा के मंत्र को आचरण में लाने पर बल दिया।

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## Paper reading competition on Gandhi's autobiography 5 October 2019



The Political Science Department of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women organized a paper reading competition on Mahatma Gandhi's autobiography 'The Story of My Experiments with Truth' to commemorate 150th Gandhi Jayanti. The competition saw enthusiastic participation of 35 contestants. A documentary showcasing the Gandhian ideology and its relevance to the present times was also shown on this occasion. The participants eloquently presented inspiring quotes and incidents from Gandhi's autobiography, reflecting the philosophy and various aspects of the personality of this great leader and shedding light on the lessons embedded in them for the mankind.

Principal Dr.Nisha Bhargava hailed this initiative of Political Science Department as a befitting homage to the mass mobilizer who used only truth and non-violence to fight the mighty British empire. She added that Gandhiji's philosophy impressed people worldwide including historians and philosophers and as the world grapples with issues like hatred, injustice, violence and climate change, it is his philosophy that is contextual even today.

The winners of the competition were:

1st: Reetika (BA III)

2nd: Ashwathi (BA III)

3rd: Chandni (BA I)

Consolation: Shreya (BA I)



The department of Gandhian and Peace Studies, Panjab University, the Department organized a preliminary round on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019 for selecting students for Inter-College Competitive Exam on the autobiography of Mahatma Gandhi 'My Experiments with Truth'. Out of 46 student participants, 6 were shortlisted of the event held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019 in Panjab University. A student Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women Ms. Ashwathi (B.A III, Political Science Hons) won the second prize in the Inter-College Competitive Exam.

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