



ATMA RAM SANATAN DHARMA COLLEGE (UNIVERSITY OF DELHI)

Gandhi Study Circle

On 2nd October 2024, a visit to Gandhi Smriti was marked by the presence of Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, UN Ambassador to India, Ambassadors of many other countries, and renowned singer Sonu Nigam as chief guest. Singers from various religions performed prayers, fostering communal harmony and honouring Mahatma Gandhi's legacy of peace and unity.

On 15th October 2024, Gandhi Study Circle (GSC) organized a seminar on "Understanding and Applying Gandhi Today." The speaker, Prof. Suman Khanna Aggarwal, President of Shanti Sahyog and Centre for Non-Violence, shared insights on Gandhi's relevance in modern times, inspiring students to embrace non-violence and peace.

On 16th November 2024, GSC ARSD participated in the GSC DU office bearers' meeting in which representatives from 20 Gandhi Study Circles united to collaborate in joint events, prepare the annual magazine of all GSCs to be published by Gandhi Darshan and others. The session included an exchange with Kashmiri youth on Viksit Bharat, followed by a museum visit at Gandhi Darshan and Rajghat.

On 22nd February 2025, all Gandhi Study Circles gathered at Gandhi Darshan to celebrate Kasturba Nirwan Divas. GSC ARSD set up vibrant stalls, shared memorable moments through tribal dance performances, meaningful interactions, and fostered unity, cultural appreciation, and Gandhian values among the participating students and faculty.

On 25th February 2025, a workshop on "Gandhian Values in the Age of AI" was organized by the GSC at Gandhi Darshan. Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu addressed the gathering, highlighting Gandhi's relevance today. The event concluded with a memorable visit to Gandhi Darshan and Rajghat, fostering reflection and unity.

The annual fest Charkha 2.0 of GSC ARSD College was held on 27th–28th March 2025. On 27th March 2025, a one-day National Seminar titled "Revisiting Gandhi: Truth, Non-Violence, and Sustainability for the 21st Century" was conducted in collaboration with Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, and Gandhi Bhawan, University of Delhi. In the inaugural session, Prof. Gyantosh Kumar Jha, Principal, ARSD College addressed the gathering, followed by Prof. K.P. Singh, Director, Gandhi Bhawan, and Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, Programme Officer, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti. Both the speakers spoke on Gandhian ideas. In different technical sessions, other eminent speakers including Prof. Bindu Puri, Centre for Philosophy, JNU; Dr. Dhananjay Rai, Assistant Professor, Central University of Gujarat; Shri Arvind Mohan, senior journalist; and Dr. Rajeev Ranjan Giri, Department of Hindi, University of Delhi, presented their ideas. Prof. Ujjwal Kumar Singh, Professor, Dept. of Political Science, University of Delhi, delivered the valedictory address. The seminar saw the enthusiastic participation of more than 80 students.

On the second day of Charkha 2.0, the quiz competition with the theme "The Gandhian

Quest: A Journey through His Life and Legacy” tested general knowledge about Gandhi’s philosophy and saw the active participation of 45 students. The Bilingual Debate Competition on the topic - “Gandhi’s principle of moral leadership has strengthened India at the diplomatic level” encouraged critical thinking on Gandhian principles of 60 participating students. Lastly, the Letter to Gandhi Competition with the theme “Reflection on Gandhian Value and Legacy” invited heartfelt reflections on Gandhian values in today’s world from 10 participants.

These events fostered awareness, expression, and thoughtful dialogue, aligning with the spirit of the fest and honouring Mahatma Gandhi’s enduring legacy in a modern context.