

Report on National Level Workshop on

“Gandhian Approaches to Present Global Issues and Challenges”

Organized by UGC approved Gandhi Study Centre, Jhanji H.N.S. College, Sivasagar

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About the theme of the Workshop:

Gandhi Study Centre of Jhanji H. N.S. College has organised a series of programmes from the very beginning to explore Gandhi’s thoughts and principles in the light of present global scenario. The approaches of the process of Gandhi promote a Win-Win situation for all and play a vital role in the present days of globalisation when no nation can exist in isolation and one nation’s domination over others may disturb in peace. Keeping in view the growing intolerance among nations Gandhi’s idea of ahimsa and Satyagraha are gaining more prominence for promoting peace and stability everywhere.

The theme of the workshop “Gandhian Approaches and to Present Global Issues and Challenges” is expected to inculcate and promote in the participants a deep understanding of Gandhi’s approaches and their relevance to face the Global issues and challenges. It is an important effort of Gandhi study Centre of the college to spread Gandhi’s messages to the society and uphold principles of Justice, Equality and Freedom.

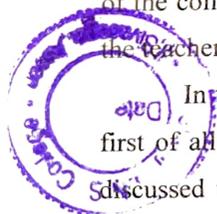
On the very first day of the National Workshop, just before the Inaugural Session Prof. Jogen Kalita, Director of HRDC, GU, lighted a lamp before the portrait of Mahatma Gandhi, accompanying the teachers and the students of the college at the morning assembly. Then all the gathering performs the morning pray which was a special one as declared earlier by the principal of the college. Thereafter, Prof. Kalita delivered an inspiring speech relating to Gandhi towards the teachers and the students as well.

In the inaugural session Dr. Manjit Gogoi, the principal of the college was the president first of all welcomed all the participants to this National Workshop. In his speech, he briefly discussed the various issues of Gandhian philosophy. He further called upon particularly the young blood generation to carry on the ideas and principles of Gandhi with a view to establishing a peaceful atmosphere among human begins.

Dr. Rupam Saikia, Director CDC, DU was the Chief Guest of the session and was introduced and felicitated with a Phulam Gamosa. Dr. Saikia a vast experienced person who gave more emphasis on the universal brotherhood in his speech following the paths showed by Gandhi. He also gave importance on internal strength to face with external challenges.

Another guest of the inaugural session was Mr. Pradip Hazarika the local MLA, who called upon the Global peace and tranquillity through the Gandhian philosophy.

Then the first technical station of the day was started at around 1.15 p.m. just after the lunch. Prof. Jogen Kalita, Director, HRDC, GU, who was the Resource Person of the session. In



his session he said that Gandhi is the first man to win hearts of people of most countries. His Statues are present in more than 70 countries. Gandhi is the best innovator for peace, Gandhi is the symbol of confidence. More than 100 countries released postage stamp depicting Gandhi's stamp. He again said that Gandhi knew to respect all elements of society. According to Gandhi everything is important. Later, in his speech Prof. Kalita gave much emphasis on the Gandhian principles which should be followed by new generation to bring peace in society. He mentioned the names of Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther who were deeply inspired by the Gandhian ideology. He also displayed a vast experience what he got in his life visiting in different countries like China, Japan, London, America etc.

On 29th October, 2017, the first technical session was started with an introduction and felicitation of Prof. R.C. Borpatragohain, Dean, Faculty of Law, who was the Resource Person of the session. Then the Resource Person started his session with 'My Experiment with Truth', the autobiography of Gandhi. He said that the virtue of truth should be followed and treat equally to everybody to bring peace in society. He also said about discrimination and untouchability which were prevailing in the society during the period of Gandhi. He then said that it is the best time to change our mode of attitude and follow the principles of Gandhi to change and develop our society. He said for Gandhi Primary Education should be free and compulsory to all. Nobody can become conscious in any field without proper education.

The 2nd technical session on that day was continued by the same Resource Person. The Resource Person said unless with think of the ideology of Gandhi, the Non-Violence of Gandhi we cannot have a better India. In his speech, he gave much emphasis on Gandhi's tolerance which should be followed by the people of a country.

A good interaction was also held between the Resource Person and the participants regarding the various problems of Assam and India.

On 30th October, 2017, the first technical session was started with the introduction and felicitation of the Resource Person Dr. Madhumita Purkayastha. Then the Resource Person started her session on the topic "**Gandhi and Women Empowerment**". She focused on Gandhi's liberal views on so far the term **women empowerment** is concerned. She started saying on Marxist view on Gandhi. Women do household works but they are usually not paid- it is one of the critical views, comes out in the present time society. She said Gandhi was the person who brought politics to the common people, women under his aegis took a milestone step towards re-establishing their identity in the society. She also discussed Gandhi's views on Women's Education, Dowry System, Parda pratha, Child marriage etc.

On 30th October, 2017, the 2nd technical session at around 1:15 p.m. introduction and felicitation of R.K Jha, the Associate Professor of SMB college, who was the Resource Person of the session. In this session he said that Gandhi was a practical philosopher, a man of action. His principles like Non-Violence and Satyagraha influenced people all over the world. The resource person also said that Gandhi gave much importance on skill development. He was a man of great environmentalist also. He established his Ashrams in the lap of nature.

On 31st October, 2017, the first technical session was started with a group activity among the participants. The participants were group into 6 as asked by the Resource Person Mrs. Madhumita Purkayastha.

The 2nd technical session on 1st November, 2017, was started with the introduction of the resource person Dr. Hemanta Phukan, Rtd. Principal, Sibsagar Girls' College. "**Gandhi's Idea of Swachha Bharat a Solution to Environmental Degradation**" was the topic for discussion. The Resource Person at first talked about Gandhi's thought on environment. Gandhi said 'sanitation is more important than independence'. Gandhi again said 'my life is my message'. We can find everything we want, provided we go through his writings, his speeches and his life. The Resource Person said we would not have a society if we destroy the environment.

On 2nd November, 2017, the first technical session was started with introduction of Resource Person Dr Soumarjyoti Mahanta, the principal of Sibsagar Commerce College. His topic for discussion was '**Gandhi as a Humanist**'. The resource person was accompanied by Dr. Manjit Gogoi, Chairperson of the workshop. He said how Gandhi's humanistic view spreads all over the world and how people involved in Gandhi's principles in their life. He also said that in South Africa Nelson Mandela followed the principles of Gandhi. He also talked more about sustainable development and humanistic approach of Gandhi. After that Dr. Manjit Gogoi, the chairperson of workshop gave an activity to the participants.

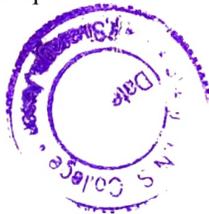
The second technical session on 2nd November, 2017, was started with the introduction of a Resource Person Dr. Nil Ratan Ray, Prof. of Tezpur University. He gave his lecture on the topic "Present Educational System in India and Gandhian Thoughts". Dr. Ray started his session with a question regarding the relevance of principles in the present day context. In respect of the question he helped thoroughly discussed the various issues relating to the principles of Gandhi. He said that still the education system of India is on the basis of the British thoughts but not the Indian thoughts.

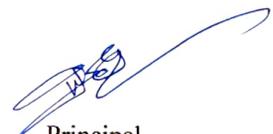
On the 3rd November, 2017, the first and the last technical session were started with the Resource Person Prof. Jyotiprasad Saikia, Dibrugarh University. In his session he talked more about "**Gandhian Ethics and Journalism**". He also delivered a good speech of his real experience before the participants.

The seven Day workshop was came to end with the valedictory session which was presided by Dr. Manjit Gogoi, Chairperson of the workshop Committee. The participants also submitted their feedback in this session. Certificate of participation were distributed among the participants and the programme came to an end by the vote of thanks which was offered by Mr. Bijay Phukan, coordinator of the workshop.


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