
A Report

On

**152nd BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MAHATMA:
A WEEKLONG CELEBRATION**



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The department also extends its heartfelt gratitude to Dr. N T Rikam, the Registrar, for his unwavering assistance.

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Executive Summary:

The Departments of English and Social Work, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh organized an Annual International Conference on “Contextualizing Gandhi in the paradigms of Literature, Culture & Social Transformation” on 11th& 12th October 2021. The Chief Patron of the webinar was Prof. Saket Kushwaha, the Honorable Vice-Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University and the Patrons were Prof. Amitava Mitra, the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, RGU, Dr. N T Rikam the Registrar, RGU respectively.

The webinar aimed at discussing the contextualizing Gandhi in the Paradigms of Literature, Culture & Social Transformation. The nature of violence is circular. It has a beginning but knows no end. Peace is the only remedy to break the chain of violence. Gandhi being the prophet of peace taught humanity the necessity of peace for societal cohesion. Mahatma Gandhi is not just a historical phenomenon. His ideas and philosophy transcend time barriers. They are equally relevant even today. They will remain relevant in future too. Mahatma Gandhi is the future of humanity. In this Annual International Conference (AIC) peace activists, Gandhi enthusiasts, scholars and teachers from different colleges and universities and common people with no institutional affiliation across India and abroad participated in a greater number. The conference discussed different trajectories of Gandhian philosophy and socio-cultural engineering of colonial and postcolonial India and their cogency and effectiveness in today’s socio-cultural and economic climate. Out of _____ registrations both from India and abroad, around _____ participants participated in the webinar on Zoom and Facebook platforms. The international participants were primarily from _____ nations etc. The speakers were from different prestigious universities in India and abroad.

Prof. Saket Kushwaha, the Honorable Vice-Chancellor, RGU chaired the e-inaugural session and concluded the session by presenting his perspective on Gandhi in today’s world. And subsequently, the conference was conducted two days in five (05) sessions.

PART 1: PREFACE

**ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE (AIC)-2021
(Commemorating 152nd Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi)**

on

**CONTEXTUALIZING GANDHI IN THE PARADIGMS OF LITERATURE, CULTURE
& SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION**

**O C T O B E R
11th & 12th (Monday & Tuesday), 2021**



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1.1: About the University:

Rajiv Gandhi University (formerly Arunachal University) is the premier institution for higher education in the state of Arunachal Pradesh and has completed twenty-five years of its existence. Late Smt. Indira Gandhi, the then Prime Minister of India, laid the foundation stone of the university on 4th February 1984 at Rono Hills, where the present campus is located. Ever since its inception, the university has been trying to achieve excellence and fulfil the objectives as envisaged in the University Act. The University got academic recognition under section 2(f) from the University Grants Commission on 28th March 1985 and started functioning from 1st April 1985. It got financial recognition under section 12-B of the UGC on 25th March 1994. Since then, Rajiv Gandhi University then Arunachal University has carved a niche for itself in the educational scenario of the country following its selection as a university with potential for excellence by a high-level expert committee of the University Grants Commission from among universities in India. The University was converted into a Central University with effect from 9th April 2007 as per notification of Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India.

1.2: About the Organizing Departments:

The Department of English

The Department of English was established in July 1990 and ever since its establishment the Department offers three academic courses, Master of Arts (M. A.), Master of Philosophy (M. Phil), and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph. D) in British Literature, World Literature in Translation, ELT, and Literary Criticism. The Department also contributes towards the development of language skills by offering a Certificate Course in Communicative English (CCCE). The principal goal of the Department is to impart knowledge and skills in language and literature and bring awareness among the students regarding the employment opportunities in Government as well as in Private sectors

The Department of Social Work

The Department of Social Work (DSW) at Rajiv Gandhi University was established in 2015. It is the first full-fledged department of Social Work offering a face-to-face Master of Arts in Social Work (MASW) Programme in Arunachal Pradesh. The impetus of social

work education in the University is to capacitate the students so that they make an impact in the lives of the people especially the underprivileged and disempowered communities. The Department offers three academic programmes as of date namely, Master of Arts in Social Work (MASW), Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work (Ph. DSW) and Certificate Programme in Environmental Sanitation (CPES). Guided by the core values of Professional Social Work especially those of Empathy, Equity and Integrity, the Department of Social Work builds its strength on Social Capital and its Signature Pedagogy of Field Work to promote Evidence-based Practice and Practice-based Evidence.

1.3: About the Sponsoring Agency:

Rajiv Gandhi University, Rono Hills, Arunachal Pradesh has sponsored the entire event. The total budget included Rs. 37,000/- (Rs. Thirty Seven Thousand only).

1.4: Background:

The grandeur of Gandhiji's personality has always been a source of guidance and inspiration. This Annual International Conference on Contextualizing Gandhi in the paradigms of Literature, Culture and Social Transformation would enable the participants to re-think, assimilate, manifest and critically interrogate Gandhian philosophy. The conference would also configure the vision and ideals of Mahatma Gandhi to re-construct them in our cultural and social behaviours. This understanding of Mahatma is not just instrumental in realizing the goals of development but more importantly intrinsic in enjoying the same with a content approach in a sustainable manner. His ideals of truth as being 'non-hypocritical', non-violence as 'avoiding mental levels of violence too and not just physical violence and satyagraha as 'passive resistance with love and compassion are easy to read and write but difficult to understand and implement in their full gravity.

The entire humanity is today gripped with an unprecedented pandemic COVID-19, stalking all over the globe, and exasperated by a threat of violence in the wake of rising global tensions and conflicts. In a scenario like this, countries are trying to seek succor and strength and also long-term solutions for their pandemic

1.5 Objectives:

The proposed annual conference commemorating Mahatma intends to sensitize the different stakeholders of the society on Gandhian principles. The specific objectives include:

- To contextualize the contemporary relevance of Mahatma Gandhi in literary writings.
- To discuss Gandhian ideals in literary & cultural paradigms.
- To examine the depiction of Gandhian ideas & ideals in Contemporary Mass Media.
- To assess the relevance of Mahatma Gandhi in the dynamics of global power politics.
- To highlight the social-economic and political vision of Mahatma Gandhi and invoke an informed brainstorming among the younger generations for their prospects in the contemporary social order.
- To reimagine Mahatma Gandhi and the relevance of his practice models in the socio-economic empowerment of last in the social order and betterment of developing societies.
- To develop a platform for emphasizing descriptive and prescriptive implications of Gandhian ideas and ideals in academic curricula and social well-being.

1.6 Expected Outcomes:

- It will help the participants to know the prevalence and execution of different methods in research in the humanities
- It would help them pursue better research and effective teaching.
- The course would sharpen their critical insight and research enthusiasm.
- The proposed course will enable the participants to acquaint themselves with various methods, techniques and skills for conducting research in the humanities.

1.7: Themes:

Contextualizing Gandhi in the Paradigms of Literature, Culture, and Social Transformation is the core focus of the yearly International Conference, which strives to re-ignite conversation on Gandhian Ideas and Ideals across subject fields. The International Conference will address Gandhi as a Socio-Literary thinker.

- Identity Politics and Parochialism.
- Gandhian principles and ethics in Media.
- Delinquency, Crime and Criminal Justice.
- The portrayal of Gandhi in Children's Literature.
- Representation of Gandhi in subaltern literature.
- Democratic Decentralization and Panchayati Raj.
- Truth, Non-Violence, and Religion as a way of Life.
- Liberalization, Privatization & Globalization [LPG].
- Adaptation of Gandhi and his Ideals in Indian Cinema.
- The Metaphysics and Epistemology of Gandhian Thoughts.
- Social, Economic, Political and Environmental Justice.

1.8: RESOURCE PERSONS:



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1.9 Target Population: Academicians, Research Scholars, Development practitioners, Students, and Gandhian Activists

1.10 Budget for a Week-long Celebration- 37000/- (Thirty-Seven Thousand only)

PART 2: SESSION WISE DETAILS

2.1 E-INAUGURAL CEREMONY DAY-1 11/10/2021

E-Inaugural Ceremony of the Annual International Conference (AIC) on “Contextualizing Gandhi in the Paradigms of Literature, culture and Social Transformation” organized by the English Department and the Department of Social Work, RGU, was held on 11th October 2021 on Google Meet. Hon’ble VC, RGU, Prof. Saket Kushwahagraced the occasion as the Chief Guest and presided over the e-ceremony. The program was attended by 138 participants both from different parts of India and abroad.

Dr. P Narayan Piraji, Master of the Ceremony, welcomed all. “In the time when the world is facing the pandemic, every program is an opportunity in disguise”, he said emphasizing the importance of e-learning. He introduced the Chief Guest and President of the program and wished all the participants to have a fruitful experience over the next 2 days.

Prof. Bhagabat Nayak, HoD, Dept of English. welcomed the Chief Guest, Prof. Sanjai Bhatt, Delhi School of Social Work, University of Delhi, Hon’ble VC, RGU, Prof. Saket Kushwaha, Registrar, Dr. N T Rikamand gave heartfelt thanks for their constant support and guidance towards the program. He invited and welcomed eminent Resource Persons from all over the globe. He welcomed all the participants and assured that the Annual International Conference would be very fruitful by having discussions on Gandhi and his ideals in different paradigms.

Dr. Ravi Ranjan Kumar, one of the convenors of the program, emphasized the importance of the Annual International Conference and highlighted the need of having a discussion on Gandhian ideals in the 21st Century. He hoped that the outcome of the conference would acquaint the participants with different aspects of Gandhi’s personality and his socio-political and spiritual contribution towards humanity. He introduced Resource Persons both from India and abroad.

The Inaugural session was Chaired by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of RGU, Prof. Saket Kushwaha and the Keynote Address was delivered by Prof. Sanjai Bhatt, who is the founding President of National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI) and former Head, Delhi School of Social Work (DSSW), University of Delhi. The Registrar of the University, Dr. N. T. Rikam, the Dean of Faculty of Languages, Prof. Oken Lego, Jt. Registrar (Aca. & Conf.), Dr. David Pertin, Prof. Gollanapalli Prasad, Chief Trustee, Gandhi-King Foundation, Hyderabad and a host of other eminent personalities were present during the Inaugural Session.

Prof. Saket Kushwaha during his presidential remarks to the inaugural session called upon the participants to realize the true meaning of honesty in personal and professional lives. He focused that Gandhiji always suggested being non-hypocritical and if we can realize that in our lives most of our issues will be taken care. Keynote Speaker and Veteran Social Worker Prof. Bhatt asked for the audience to realize the importance of social capital and family which is getting neglected in our blind rush to material pursuits which the Bapu always warned as a source of all evils. Registrar, Dr. N.T. Rikam highlighted the significance of recalling the life and lessons as critical to building value system for younger generations, which Joint Registrar (academic & conference), Dr. David Pertin emphasized on core principles of Gandhian philosophy as being Holistic, Inclusive and Empathetic.

The Inaugural Ceremony concluded with a Vote of Thanks proposed by Dr. Miazhi Hazam, Associate Professor, Department of English, RGU.

2.2. TECHNICAL SESSION DAY-1 11/10/2021

2.2.1 TECHNICAL SESSION- I: 10.00 am to 12.00 pm

Chairperson: Prof. Prasad Gollanpalli, Gandhian Scholar & Activist
Gandhi King Foundation, Hyderabad

Moderator: Dr Dhriti Sundar Gupta
Department of English, Rajiv Gandhi University

Session Details:

A Total of nine paper presentations were scheduled for the session. Seven of the total presenters presented their papers. Research papers ranged from various disciplines including English, Social Work, Education, Youth Development. Both theory and practice perspectives emerged.

There was lively participation from other participants in terms of queries, clarifications and doubt clearance which was adequately addressed by the paper presenters and duly facilitated by the moderator.

2.2.2 TECHNICAL SESSION- II: 2.30pm to 3.30pm

Chairperson: Prof. Prasanta Kumar Ghosh, Professor & Former Head,
Department of Social Work, Visva Bharati, Sriniketan.

Moderator: Dr. Kaushalendra Pratap Singh
Department of Social Work, Rajiv Gandhi University

1st Presentation

Chaphiak Lowang, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Social Work, Rajiv Gandhi University.

Topic: Substance Use and Dependence among Youth in Arunachal Pradesh.

She began her paper by mentioning the alarming increase of the number of people who intake harmful substances in the state of Arunachal Pradesh. She provides data that confirms that Arunachal Pradesh is the third state with high use of Alcohol. Her study was done on the people of 15-35 age group in the state of Arunachal Pradesh. During her study she finds out that Tobacco, Alcohol and Cannabis are the mostly used harmful substances. While some small portion of the study group also use Opioids, Inhalants, Cocaine, Amphetamines, Sedatives and Hallucinogens. Her study uncovers that not all of these substance users need intensive medical intervention. Some of the substance user only need proper awareness and psychiatric consultations. She also highlighted the lack of mental health infrastructure in Arunachal Pradesh.

2nd Presentation

Bharati Biswas Student, Dept. of Social Work, Rajiv Gandhi University

Topic: Contrasting Emphases of Private and Government Hospitals – Services and Infrastructure: A Social Work Interventional Study in Sonitpur District of Assam.

Bharati Biswas started her presentation by highlighting the poorer healthcare services in government hospitals than the private hospital. In her paper, she based her studies on empirical observation and case studies, Bharati insisted on the lack of proportionate medical infrastructure is one of the major reasons for the unsatisfactory experience of the patients in government hospitals. Along with this, she pointed out the unethical practices on the part of medical workers in government hospitals. By unethical practices, she talked about the unprofessional behavior of the health care providers such as negligence in performing their duties, irresponsible behavior etc. Her findings inform that because of such practices a large number of patients are victimized every day specially from the economically weaker section. This topic is definitely an important area for further research.

3rd Presentation

Mousumi Kalita, Student, Dept. of Social Work, Rajiv Gandhi University

Topic: Plight of Women under COVID Pandemonium: A Gandhian Perspective on Women in India.

The final presenter of the 2nd Technical Session MousumiKalita mainly focused her study on how women are affected more than their male counterparts in the current Covid 19 Pandemic. She reiterates that even in 21st-century women lag in many aspects of their social life than men. Most important tools of women empowerment like education and economic independence are yet to be reached by the major percentage of the women in her study area i.e., Udalguri district of Assam, India. As a result, women in her study area are seen as the worst sufferer during the Covid 19 situation both in the domestic and public sphere. She also discusses on the relevance and importance of the practices of Gandhian principles on women empowerment in the current time.

At the end of the session, the chairperson, Prof. Prasanta Kumar Ghosh shared his critical observations on the three papers presented. He appreciated the paper presenters for selecting very relevant issues for discussion and pointed out that all three papers can be contextualized in the paradigm of Gandhian studies. He also pointed out the commonalities and differences of opinion regarding education policies by two towering figures of twentieth-century India-i.e. Mahatma Gandhi and Rabindranath Tagore. Prof. Ghosh further mentioned that both Gandhi and Tagore stressed holistic education especially on the character building of a child. Lastly, he pointed out that Gandhi's emphasis on moral and ethical education is the need of the present time and our education system should make provision for such education.

2.2.3 TECHNICAL SESSION- III: 3.30 Pm to 4.30 pm

Chairperson: Prof. K.C. Mishra, Professor,
Department of English, Rajiv Gandhi University

Moderator: Dr. Parachand Narayan Piraji, Convenor, AIC-2021
Department of English, Rajiv Gandhi University

This session was chaired and facilitated by Prof. K.C. Mishra, Professor, Department of English, Rajiv Gandhi University. The moderator of the session was Dr. Prachand Narayan Piraji, Assistant professor, Department of English, Rajiv Gandhi University. The chair was formally introduced by the moderator.

During this session, there were only 2 contributions from the floor due to certain technical glitches. One was by Dr. Ram Tiwari and his paper titled *“Gandhiji keBicharonkiSurakshatmakPariveshmein Bhumika”* followed by Dikshita Mahanta’s *“Re-Imagining Medical Social Worker as Patient Rights Enforcement Officer: A Gandhian Perspective from North-East India”*.

In his presentation, Dr. Tiwari highlighted the importance of Gandhi’s emphasis on education without exploitation. He further stressed on 3H’s education i.e., Head, Hand and Heart and talked on Gandhi’s ideals on *Swaraj* for all the people without discrimination. Gandhi’s initiative for the Dalits i.e., his 6 days fasting for the same and his *Satyagraha* were further explained. Inspiration from Gandhi in today’s social spectrum was mainly emphasized at the end of the presentation.

Dikshita Mahanta related her study with Gandhiji’s perspective and tried to put forth the various real cases of mistreatments and negligence towards patients by health administrators and medical practitioners. She however put forth evidence-based recommendations for policymakers and practitioners with regard to healthcare administration in North-East India. The emphasis was given on the dignity of patients being humans that could be paid better attention not to be violated.

The chair then presented his critical comments and views on both the contributors. An enlightened and aware society was emphasized, and he said, “We should think in terms of Gandhi.” The chair then thanked all the presenters, participants, and organizers.

In conclusion, Dr. Ravi Ranjan Kumar, Head i/c, Department of Social Work, Rajiv Gandhi University offered his regards and thanks. He briefed and informed about the next-day sessions and other activities and competitions to be organized in relation to the event.

2.3.1 TECHNICAL SESSIONS: DAY- 2:

12th OCTOBER 2021 (TUESDAY)

TECHNICAL SESSION IV: 11.30 pm to 1.00pm

Chairperson: Dr. Manish Sharma
Chairperson, Department of Gandhian and Peace Studies
Panjab University, Chandigarh

Moderator: Dr. Ravi Ranjan Kumar, Convenor, AIC-2021
Head, Department of Social Work, Rajiv Gandhi University

The session was chaired and facilitated by Dr. Manish Sharma, Chairperson, Department of Gandhian and Peace Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh. The moderator of the session was Dr. Ravi Ranjan Kumar, Convenor, AIC-2021 Head, Department of Social Work, Rajiv Gandhi University. The chair was formally introduced by the moderator.

The first presenter of the third technical session, Dr. DoyirEteTaipodia, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Rajiv Gandhi University, presented her paper titled “Symbolism of Gandhi in Indian Jewish Literary Imagination” focusing on three books by the Jewish writer Esther David, namely *Book of Esther*, *By the Sabarmati* and *The Man with Enormous Wings*. She talked about Gandhi's views and Gandhian literature. In the three books Esther David uses Gandhi's views on the untouchables and compares it with the Jews and reflects why Gandhi is important to the minority communities of India. The message of Gandhi is to coexist in harmony, VasudhaivaKutumbakam, and this is shown and conveyed in the stories woven in the books which reflected the Godha violence and other injustices faced by her community. Gandhiji dreamt of a utopian society that was holistic, inclusive and interconnected. It is important not just to coexist but also to be deeply connected. It is such a society which has the potential to prevent and stop communal violence. “My life is my message” this was said Gandhi when asked what message he wants to convey about his life shortly before his death, and this has beautifully been captured in the works of David.

The next paper was presented jointly by Dr. KasimangMayong, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Rajiv Gandhi University and Dr. Nisanth P.M., Assistant Professor, Department of Education, Rajiv Gandhi University titled “Scope of Gandhian Education in the 21st Century.” In this paper they focused on Gandhian political thought, Gandhian concept of society, Gandhian concept of economy, Gandhian concept of secularism, Gandhism in education, technology and relevance of Gandhism in the 21st century. Gandhi regarded education as a tool, light of life and the very source of realisation of oneness, he believed education led to universalisation and national integration. Based on Gandhiji’s idea of Satyam meaning Truth the contemporary society brought this idea and formed the Right to Information Act (RTI Act) which empower the citizens by bringing out the truth. Adopting Gandhian philosophy of building the bridge between the rural and urban, technology the conceived the idea of E-Pathsala.

TenzingWangmu, Assistant Professor from the Department of Sociology, Mahabodhi Lord Buddha College, Namsai, Arunachal Pradesh was the third presenter, and the title of her paper was “Relevance of Gandhian Ideas: A Gandhian Approach of Understanding Dam Construction and Environmental Justice in Tawang District of Arunachal Pradesh.” She talked about the effect of dams in Tawang and highlighted with the Uttarakhand flood example how a dam can be a nightmare for both people and nature. As per the National Hydro Power Policy of India thirteen hydropower projects are to be constructed on two rivers, Tawang Chu and Nyanjang Chu which made the local people, ecologists and Buddhist monks worry about the environment. Mahatma Gandhi was considered as the worlds early environmentalist in both his vision and practice and his idea of Sawodaya meaning the welfare of all, must be kept in mind before implementing any such developmental policy. She collected data from three villages Brokenthang, Gorsam and Khebleteng which are located nearby the project site and get directly affected by the dam construction. She concluded by saying the realisation of environmental justice helps to transform development policy having inspired from Gandhian idea of non-violence and decentralisation of power.

The fourth presenter of the day was Tapi Chama, Practitioner, Social Work and MSW Alumni, Department of Social Work, Rajiv Gandhi University, and the title of his paper were “Re-Defining Development from Gandhian Perspective: A Social Work Study in Hydro Power Projects in Arunachal Pradesh.” He talked about the impact of the dam in the surrounding area of its construction like loss of downstream aquifers, flooded habitats, riverbank erosion, loss of livelihood of fishermen and how the ideas of Mahatma Gandhi come into the fold. Quoting Gandhiji’s famous line “Earth provides enough to satisfy every man’s need, not every man’s greed” he talks about sustainable development, non-violence towards nature and diversity, Gandhi’s principle of Trusteeship and Antyodaya.

KenjirRingu, Research Scholar (PhD), Department of Education, Rajiv Gandhi University and Menuka Kadu, Research Scholar (PhD), Department of Social Work, Rajiv Gandhi University were the fifth presenters, their paper titled “Social Justice through Inclusive and Equitable Education: The Case of Children with Special Needs in Arunachal Pradesh”.

Next Dr. Kirti Arya, Medical Social Service Officer (MSSO), All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi presented her paper on “Mental Health Consequences of Drug Dependency: A Gandhian Analogy of Health and Well-Being.” She highlighted the various reasons why people are attracted to drugs.

VALEDICTORY PROGRAMME

2.3.2 TECHNICAL SESSION V: 2.30 AM TO 4.30 PM

The Valedictory Session was Chaired by the Hon’ble Pro-Vice-Chancellor of RGU, Prof. Amitava Mitra and the Valedictory Address was delivered by Prof. Periyakrishna Moorthy, who is the former Dean and Senior Professor, School of Social Sciences and International Studies, Pondicherry University, Puducherry. The topic of his address was ‘Introspection and Identification of Mahatma within Each Self’. The Finance Officer of the University, Prof. OtemPadung; the Dean of Faculty of Social Sciences, Prof. Tana Showren and other eminent personalities were present during the Valedictory Session. The vital role of Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Saket Kushwaha was acknowledged as the prime source of motivation behind these initiatives by the Organizing President Prof. Bhagabat Nayak, Organizing President and Head, Department of English. Dr. Ravi Ranjan Kumar, Head i/c, Social Work and Dr. Prachand Narayan Piraji, Assistant Professor, English were the Convenors of the AIC-2021 and moderated the technical sessions as well as the Valedictory Session.

The prizes and awards to the winners of various categories of the competition were also announced during valedictory. There were three different categories of awards for paper presenters. The Gandhian Literary Award for Research Papers from Literary Perspective was awarded to Dr. Rajiv Ranjan Prasad from RGU and Mr. Sumit Kumar Singh from Patna University. The Gandhian Practice Model Award for practical recommendations to policymakers and practitioners went to Dr. Sharmistha Bhattacharjee of Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Tamilnadu and Dr. Kirti Arya from All India Institute of Medical

Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi. Award for young scholars on Gandhian Research went to Ms. Dikshita Mahanta and Mr. Tapi Chama. The AIC-2021 has witnessed participants from Nepal, Scotland, America, and Bangladesh including our own country. There were more than forty research papers received for the conference out of which awards were conferred based on presentation, contents and understanding by the paper presentations.

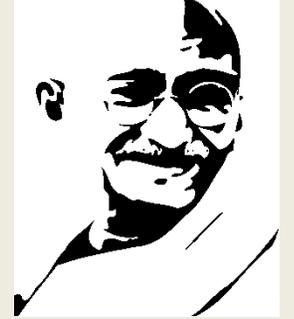
The e-vaedictory came to a closure with a vote of thank given by DrDhriti Sundar Gupta, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh.

2.3.3 Best Paper Presenters Awards

Prize	Name of the Best Paper Presenter	Categories of Award
1 st	Dr. Rajiv Ranjan Prasad Department of Hind, Rajiv Gandhi University	The Gandhian Literary Award
2 nd	Mr. Sumit Kumar Singh Department of English, Patna University	
1 st	Dr. Sharmistha Bhattacharjee Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Tamil Nadu	The Gandhian Practice Model Award
2 nd	Dr. Kirti Arya All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi	
1 st	Ms. Dikshita Mahanta Student, SW, Rajiv Gandhi University	Young Gandhian Thinker Award
2 nd	Mr. Tapi Chama Student, SW, Rajiv Gandhi University	



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Minute to Minute Agenda of The Programme
INAUGURAL SESSION
{Monday, 11th October, 2021; 10:15 am to 11:05 am}

	Master of Ceremony	:	Dr. Prachand Narayan Piraji , Convenor, AIC-2021
10:15 am to 10:20 am	Welcome Address	:	Prof. Bhagabat Nayak , Organizing President, AIC-2021
10:20 am to 10:25 am	Brief on Annual International Conference: Dr. Ravi Ranjan Kumar , Convenor, AIC-2021		
10:25 am to 10:30 am	A Note to the Participants	:	Dr. David Pertin , Jt. Registrar, RGU
10:30 am to 10:35 am	A Note on Celebrating the Birth Anniversary of Mahatma	:	Dr. N. T. Rikam , Registrar, RGU
10:35 am to 10:40 am	A Note to the theme of AIC-2021	:	Prof. Oken Lego Dean Faculty of Languages, RGU
10:40 am to 10:50 am	Keynote Address	:	Mahatma Gandhi- Man Mytholized, Meaning Marginalized Prof. Sanjai Bhatt Founding President - NAPSWI Former Head, DSSW, University of Delhi.
10:50 am to 11:00 am	Address by The Chair	:	Prof. Saket Kushwaha Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, RGU
11:00 am to 11:05 am	Vote of Thanks	:	Dr. Miazi Hazam , Secretary, AIC-2021



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1st TECHNICAL SESSION
11th October (Monday), 2021
11.00 am to 01.15 pm (IST)

Session Chair:

Prof. Prasad Gollanapalli

Gandhian Scholar & Activist
 Gandhi King Foundation, Hyderabad.

Moderator:

Dr. Dhriti Sundar Gupta

Assistant Professor, Department of English, Rajiv Gandhi University

Sr. No.	Name	Paper Title
1.	Sangita Borah Research Scholar, Department of Education, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh, India	Mahatma Gandhi: A Social Thinker
2.	Sruthi Sasidharan T V Research Scholar Department of Comparative Literature and India Studies EFL University, Hyderabad, India	Gandhi, Ambedkar and the Question of Caste in Selected Malayalam Novels
3.	Dr. Sandeep Panchal Assistant Professor, Dept. of Psychology, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh, India	Gandhi Ji Personality Traits: The Psychological Interpretation
4.	Dr. Rajiv Ranjan Prasad Asst. Professor, Dept. of Hindi, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh, India	गाँधीकीलोक-दृष्टिऔरअरुणाचलप्रदेश
5.	Chethan E Guest Faculty, Department of English, Maharaja's College, Mysore, India	Gandhian Perspective: The Role of Character Education In Rural Reconstruction
6.	Dr Sharmistha Bhattacharjee Associate Professor & Head, Dept. of Social Engineering,	Education for Rural child labourers and Gandhian View

	RGNIYD, Sriperumbudur Ministry of Youth Development and Sports, Govt of India	
7.	Vanishree V Guest Faculty, Department of Social Work, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Post Graduate Centre, Suvarnagangothri, Chamarajanagara, India	Economic Principles of Mahatma: Trusteeship and Corporate Social Responsibility
8.	Sumit Kumar Singh Research Scholar P.G. Department of English Patna University, Patna, Bihar, India	Convergence and Uncommonalities in the Two Schools of Thought: Dalit Literature and Marxist Theory
9.	Nani Lamgu Student, Dept. of Social Work, Rajiv Gandhi University	Agrarian Distress: A Social Work Study on Viability of Cultivation as a Sustainable Occupation for Youth in Arunachal Pradesh
2ND TECHNICAL SESSION 11th October (Monday), 2021 2.30 to 3.30 pm (IST)		
Session Chair: Prof. Prasanta Kumar Ghosh Former Head, Department of Social Work, Visva Bharati, Sriniketan.		Moderator: Dr. Kaushalendra Pratap Singh Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, Rajiv Gandhi University
Sr. No.	Name	Paper Title
1.	Dr. Susanta Barik Assistant Professor, History Fakir Mohan University, Balasore, Odisha, India	Provincialisation of Public Health & Sanitation under Mahatma Gandhi in Colonial Odisha (1921-1946)
2.	¹Dr. KasimangMayong ²Dr. Nisanth.P.M. ¹ Assistant Professor, Dept. of Sociology,	Scope of Gandhian Education In The 21st Century

	Rajiv Gandhi University Assistant Professor, Dept. of Education, Rajiv Gandhi University	
3.	Chaphiak Lowang Assistant Professor, Dept. of Social Work, Rajiv Gandhi University	Substance Use and Dependence among Youth in Arunachal Pradesh
4.	Bharati Biswas Student, Dept. of Social Work, Rajiv Gandhi University	Contrasting Emphases of Private and Government Hospitals – Services and Infrastructure: A Social Work Interventional Study in Sonitpur District of Assam
5.	Mousumi Kalita Student, Dept. of Social Work, Rajiv Gandhi University	Plight of Women under COVID Pandemonium: A Gandhian Perspective on Women in India

3rd TECHNICAL SESSION
11th October (Monday), 2021
3.30 pm to 4.30 pm (IST)

Session Chair: Amlan Nag Marie Currie Fellow & Young Scientist University of Edinburgh, Scotland.	Moderator: Dr. Prachand Narayan Piraji Assistant Professor, Department of English, Rajiv Gandhi University
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Sr. No.	Name	Paper Title
1.	Dr. Ram Tiwari Department of Defence & Strategic Studies V.S.S.D. P.G. College Kanpur Uttar Pradesh, India	गांधीजी के विचारों की सुरक्षात्मक परिवेश में भूमिका
2.	Nguri Rinya Student, Dept. of Social Work, Rajiv Gandhi University	Health Infrastructure and Accessibility Concerns in Rural Areas: A Social Work Exploratory Study in Papum Pare, Arunachal Pradesh

3.	Dikshita Mahanta MASW, 3 rd Semester, Dept. of Social Work, Rajiv Gandhi University	Re-Imagining Medical Social Worker as Patient Rights Enforcement Officer: A Gandhian Perspective from North-East India
4.	RimiPhukan Student, Dept. of Social Work, Rajiv Gandhi University	Emerging Dimensions of Women Empowerment: A Social Work Phenomenological Study of Different Tribes in Lakhimpur, Assam.
5.	MilloMangku Student, Dept. of Social Work, Rajiv Gandhi University	Poverty associated Violence: A Social Work Exploratory Study on BPL Families at Itanagar Capital Complex Arunachal Pradesh.

4th TECHNICAL SESSION
12th October (Tuesday), 2021
10.15 am to 12.15 pm (IST)

Session Chair: Dr. Manish Sharma Chairperson, Dept. of Gandhian & Peace Studies Panjab University, Chandigarh	Moderator: Dr. Ravi Ranjan Kumar Head i/c, Department of Social Work, Rajiv Gandhi University
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Sr. No.	Name	Paper Title
1.	Dr DoyirEte Assistant Professor, Department of English Rajiv Gandhi University	Symbolism of Gandhi in Indian Jewish Literary Imagination
2.	Dr. Chandan K Panda Assistant Professor Department of English Rajiv Gandhi University	Gandhi and Expatriate Indians: Methodological Asymmetries
3.	Tenzin Wangmu Assistant Professor, Dept. of Sociology, Mahabodhi Lord Buddha College, Namsai,	Relevance of Gandhian Idea: A Gandhian Approach of Understanding Dam Construction and Environmental Justice in Tawang District of Arunachal Pradesh

	Arunachal Prdaesh, India	
4.	Dr. Kirti Arya Medical Social Service Officer (MSSO), All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, India	Mental Health Consequences of Drug Dependency: A Gandhian Analogy of Health and Well-Being
5.	Manjeet Borah Student, Dept. of Social Work, Rajiv Gandhi University	Role of Unregistered Markets in Socio-Economic Upliftment amid COVID Pandemonium: A Case Study of Rural Vendors in Lakhimpur, Assam
6.	Tapi Chama Practitioner, Social Work and MSW Alumnus Department of Social Work, Rajiv Gandhi University	Re-Defining Development from Gandhian Perspective: A Social Work Study in Hydro Power Projects in Arunachal Pradesh
7.	KenjirRingu Research Scholar (PhD), Department of Education Menuka Kadu Research Scholar (PhD), Department of Social Work, Rajiv Gandhi (Central) University, Arunachal Pradesh, India	Social Justice through Inclusive and Equitable Education: The Case of Children with Special Needs in Arunachal Pradesh
5th TECHNICAL SESSION 12th October (Tuesday), 2021 12.30 pm to 1.30 pm (IST)		
Session Chair: Prof. R. P. Dwivedi President, National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI) Former Director, Gandhian Institute.		Moderator: Dr. Prachand Narayan Piraji Assistant Professor, Department of English, Rajiv Gandhi University
Sr. No.	Name	Paper Title
1.	ChukhuYater Research Scholar (PhD) Dept. of Social Work Rajiv Gandhi University Arunachal Pradesh	Lost and Found: A Case Report on Homeless Women Being Reunited with Family

2.	Toko Jiri Research Scholar (PhD), Dept. of Social Work Rajiv Gandhi University	Health as a Commodity or Fundamental Right? An Indian Perspective on Privatisation of Health Care
3.	Priya Saikia MSW Student, Dept. of Social Work Rajiv Gandhi University	Maternal Health: A Social Work Interventional Study in Rural Areas of Lakhimpur District, Assam
4.	Buru Jobii MSW Student, Dept. of Social Work, Rajiv Gandhi University	People's Preferential Priorities in Private Schools over Government School: A Social Work Interventional Study of Ziro Circle, Lower Subansiri District, 791120, Arunachal Pradesh
5.	Mousumi Kalita MSW Student, Dept. of Social Work Rajiv Gandhi University	Plight of Women under COVID Pandemonium: A Gandhian Perspective

Minute to Minute Agenda of The Programme
Valedictory Session
{Tuesday, 12th October, 2021; 03:15 pm to 04:00 pm}

	Master of Ceremony	:	Dr. Prachand Narayan Piraji , Convenor, AIC-2021
03:15 pm to 03:20 pm	Welcome Address	:	Dr. Kaushalendra P Singh , Advisor, AIC-2021
03:20 pm to 03:25 pm	Programme Report- AIC 2021	:	Dr. Ravi Ranjan Kumar , Convenor, AIC-2021
03:25 pm to 03:30 pm	A Note to the Participants	:	Prof. Otem Padung , Finance Officer, RGU
03:25 pm to 03:30 pm	A Note to the theme of AIC-2021	:	Prof. Tana Showren Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, RGU
03:30 pm to 03:45 pm	Valedictory Address	:	<i>Introspection and Identification of Mahatma within each Self</i> Prof. Periyakrishna Moorthy School of Social Sciences and International Studies Pondicherry University
03:45 pm to 03:50 pm	Announcement of Awards	:	Prof. Bhagabat Nayak , Organising President, AIC-2021
03:50 pm to 03:55 pm	Address by The Chair	:	Prof. Amitava Mitra Hon'ble Pro Vice-Chancellor, RGU
03:55 pm to 04:00 pm	Vote of Thanks	:	Dr. Dhriti Sundar Gupta Organizing Member, AIC-2021



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PART-3



152nd BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MAHATMA: A WEEKLONG CELEBRATION

FIVE DAY ONLINE LECTURE SERIES

Organised By

Department of English
Rajiv Gandhi University
Arunachal Pradesh



About the Lecture Series

The lecture series is organised as a part of the weeklong celebration of the 152nd Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The objectives of the programme are as follows:

- To discuss the importance of Gandhi in our time
- To explain the fundamentals of Gandhian thought and philosophy
- To describe Gandhi as an idea cutting across time barriers

The lectures will make the participants aware of the colossal contributions of Gandhi for the formation of modern Indian discourse. It will enable the participants to understand the significance of Gandhian idea towards the formation of sustainable society based on cooperation and mutual respect.

3.1 ORGANIZING COMMITTEE



3.2 DAY-1

DAY 1	INAUGURAL PROGRAMME	
04/10/2021	Chief Guest	
3.00 PM to	Prof. Saket Kushwaha	
04.30 PM IST	Hon'ble Vice Chancellor	
	Rajiv Gandhi University	
	Key-note Speaker	
	Prof. Prasad Gollanapalli	
	Gandhian Scholar	
	Gandhi King Foundation, Hyderabad	

The Department of English, Rajiv Gandhi University organized a 5-Day Online Lecture Series from the 4th to the 8th of October as part of its celebration of the 152nd Birth Anniversary of the Mahatma. The Inaugural Session marked the beginning of this 5-Day long event with speakers and scholars from India and across the world sharing their views on the philosophy and concepts advocated and practiced by Mahatma Gandhi. The objective of this Online Lecture Series was to discuss the relevance of the Gandhian principles in the context of the present world.

The Inaugural Session was chaired by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University, Prof. Saket Kushwaha. The Welcome Speech of the Inaugural Session was delivered by the Head of the Department of English, Prof. Bhagabat Nayak and the

explanation of the rationale of organizing this online lecture series was explained by the Event Coordinator, Prof. K. C. Mishra. The Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Amitava Mitra and the Registrar, Dr. N. T. Rikam also shared their views on the relevance of following Gandhian principles for the establishment of peace and harmony in the context of the present-day situation.

The Keynote Speaker for the Inaugural Session was Prof. Prasad Gollanapalli, Trustee, KG Foundation, Hyderabad, and renowned Gandhian scholar. Prof. Gollanapalli deliberated on the link between Gandhiji's preaching and practice. He related how several of the experiences that Gandhi had in his political career were in tune with his professed virtues. He emphasized the need for inclining towards Gandhian virtues as it proves as the panacea for most of the evils arising out of human greed and differentiation. He also held the view that there should be cultural and institutional exchange among students from different universities and countries which would enable the development and strengthening of Gandhian ideals in the realm of social practice.

In his Presidential Remarks, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University, Prof. Saket Kushwaha shed light upon the various practical problems in following the Gandhian ideals in the contemporary situation. He also highlighted how there has emerged a historical and political difference between the time when Gandhiji was effectively engaged in the struggle for the country's independence and the world today, yet it is undeniable that following his principles would make this world a better place.

The Convenor for the Inaugural Session was Dr. Miaz Hazam and the Vote of Thanks was delivered by Ms. Bompi Riba.

3.3 DAY- 2

DAY 2
05/10/2021
3.00 PM to
04.30 PM IST

Topic: “Gandhi’s Truth: Theory and Practice”

Speaker:
Dr. Avadhanam Raghukumar



Dr. Avadhanam Raghu kumar, Director and Principal at Centre for Critical Judicial Studies, Hyderabad. He is also a writer of the book ‘Gandhi: A Hope in Despair’

Lectured extensively on Gandhian Philosophy in many Telangana schools and colleges. The Department of English, Rajiv Gandhi University has organized a lecture series on the 152nd Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. On the second day of the lecture series, the English Department invited the noted Speaker Dr. Avadhanam Raghukumar to deliver a lecture on the topic “Gandhi’s Truth: Theory and Practice.” The coordinator of the program, Dr. Chandan Panda addressed the audience and also welcomed the guest speaker on behalf of the university. He gave brief information about the guest. The program began at 3.00 pm and it was conducted through online mode. Many Scholars, Academicians, Educationists, students were invited to grace the Occasion. Dr. Raghukumar spoke at length counting the relevance of Gandhi’s philosophy in the 21st century. He began his lecture by discussing Anthony J. Parel’s contribution towards understanding Mahatma Gandhi. In this modern world, Gandhian ideas of Satyagraha and dialogic method are the only way out, said Dr. Raghukumar in his speech. This was followed by an interactive session where students asked questions related to Gandhi.

The questions that were asked by the students were:

- Gandhi changed the notion of God is Truth to Truth is God. So then can lie also be God?
- How do Gandhian ideas influence women?
- Would you please throw light on the relevance of Gandhiji's philosophy in the 21st century?
- Is Gandhian Hinduism the same as the Hinduism being preached and practiced in the current scenario?
- Could you please, shed light on Puna Act?
- What is your view on Nathuram Godse's disagreement with Gandhiji's conviction?
- Could you please highlight how Gandhiji's ideology influenced the subaltern for whom Gandhi was just another elite?
- Sir, you stated that for Gandhi truth did not mean only empirical evidence but that one's inner voice had to take the higher role.
- My question is, wouldn't such an interpretation of truth lay too much emphasis on subjectivity and leave us grappling for truths
- in absence of consensus?
- Could you please tell us about Gandhi's feature and scope of Indian Nationalism?
- How do you look at the modern politicians' use of Gandhi in their narrow perspectives?
- How do you see Gandhi either as a socialist or Nationalist in his overall approach and vision?

Dr. Raghukumar expressed his opinions and stressed the need for responsive beings. He also acknowledged the meritorious service rendered by the university. It was one of the most educative lecture sessions we all had seen in recent times. The students were encouraged by the informative lecture provided by Dr. Raghukumar.

The last session of the program ended with a Vote of Thanks delivered by K.C Mishra sir. He extended his hearty vote of thanks to the speaker, who spared time from his busiest schedule to grace the program and to the listeners present online.

3.4 DAY-3

DAY 3
06/10/2021
3.00 PM to
04.30 PM IST

Special Guest:
Mr. Tushar Gandhi
(Great-Grandson of Mahatma Gandhi)
Writer and Gandhian Scholar

Topic:
“Gandhian Concept of Education”
Speaker:
Dr. Prasad Mandi
NITIE, Mumbai



The third day of the Five Davy Online Lecture Series organized by the Department of English to commemorate the 152nd birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi was divided into two technical sessions. The first technical session began with the welcome speech by the Convener of the Program Dr. K.C Mishra, followed by Gandhi Bhajan by the students of the Department of Music, Rajiv Gandhi University. The session was chaired by the Honorable Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Saket Kushwaha. The special guest of the session was Shri. Tushar Gandhi, renowned journalist, author, and great-grandson of Mahatma Gandhi. Honourable Vice-Chancellor warmly welcomed the speakers of both the sessions and he encouraged the participants to take an active part in the programme. Dr Doyir Ete, the coordinator of the programme briefly stated the objectives of the programme.

Prof. Prasad Gollanapalli, Gandhian Scholar from the Gandhi- King Foundation, Hyderabad introduced Shri Tushar Gandhi to the participants. Prof. Prasad highlighted the shared lineage of the special guest with Mahatma Gandhi and appreciated Mr Gandhi as a courageous thinker and an activist. Speaking on the legacy of Gandhi, Prof. Gollanapalli laid emphasis on the Gandhian principles of truth and non-violence as the core foundation to rebuild modern society today. He stated, “Unless we bring the Gandhian thought to the young generation the society will not be peaceful.” He welcomed the special guest and congratulated the participants for the opportunity to interact with Shri Tushar Gandhi.

The special guest of the session, Shri Tushar Gandhi spoke on the topic ‘Relevance of Gandhian Philosophy in School Education. He highlighted the fundamentals of Gandhian philosophy in education and its implementation in the Indian school system. In his lecture Mr Gandhi called for a regional and culturally specific education system. He talked about how today’s education is mainly rote learning, focused on passing exams and not knowledge based. A change must be brought into the education system of the country. It can only be done by understanding the philosophy of Gandhi and implementing it. He also focused on the Gandhi’s idea of Skill-based, vocational, and holistic education. He pointed out that the purpose of an education system should be to empower a person and to provide a quality life much greater than they could have without education. Talking about the ideal education system he advocated Mahatma Gandhi’s view of 3’Hs’ of education, that education should enlighten the head, appeal to the heart and empower the hand. He said that in a diverse country like India where enormous diversity and disparity are found in every corner the education system must be made independent and decentralized to reduce this disparity as well as to balance the diversities.

3.4.1 DAY- 3

Day- 3 Technical Session- 2

The second technical session of the day had Dr. Prasad Mandi from NITEL, Mumbai as the key speaker. He spoke on the Gandhian concept of education. Dr. Prasad shared a YouTube video of his lecture on Gandhian Education titled *Nai Talim*. In the visual, he explained how the Gandhian education system can be embedded as a part of regular education system. He highlighted the importance of converting study into work particularly for graduate students. He also shed light on the three things that Gandhi incorporated in his idea of Education: manual labour, holistic education, and the positives of education. He pointed out the weakness of the education system today stating, “In education, work is missing”. The present education system should be able to bring work in education and to convert the study into work. Referring to Gandhi’s idea 3Hs of education he said that it must be incorporated in the present education system to make a person economically and morally self-reliant. He said that education is also a way of gaining financial benefit through education, he quoted Mahatma Gandhi, “convert your studies into work, convert your work into value and use your work experience for developing your three important aspects head, heart and hand”. He cited the examples of various start-up companies by his students as examples of successful translation of Gandhi’s message which is ‘manual labor is a must in transforming education into practice.’ The lectures were engaging and enlightening. The lecture series ended with an interactive question and answer session between the speakers and the students. The session came to an end with the vote of thanks by Dr. Chandan Kumar Panda, Asst. Prof.

Department of English, Rajiv Gandhi University.

3.5 DAY-4

DAY 4
07/10/2021
3.00 PM to
04.30 PM IST

Topic
“Gandhi-Ambedkar Debate”
Speaker
Prof. Raj Kumar
Delhi University



The meeting started with a welcome address by Dr. Chandan Kumar Panda. He read out the bio-note of speaker Prof. Raj Kumar where his works and prestigious publications were highlighted. Dr. Panda announced the topic for the day's lecture- "Gandhi-Ambedkar Debate" and passed the baton to the esteemed speaker.

Prof. Raj Kumar, at the outset, thanked the HOD and all faculty members of the Department of English for inviting him to the online lecture series. He started his lecture by quoting authors who documented B. R. Ambedkar's reaction to Gandhi's death. He presented the impressions of Bhikhu Parekh on the relationship between Gandhi and Ambedkar. He pointed out the bitterness that existed between Gandhi and Ambedkar. Ambedkar did not issue a public statement on the assassination of Gandhi. Ambedkar felt that Gandhi did not contribute to the spiritual, moral and social make-up. Prof Kumar quoted: "I owe nothing to Gandhi and he has contributed nothing to my spiritual, moral and social make-up"- Ambedkar. He cited Gopal Krishna Gandhi's imagination on how Dalit activists would think about the conflict between Gandhi and Ambedkar. Prof. Kumar in his lecture arrived at a consensus that the

relationship between the two men of historical importance was an uneasy and tense one. He informed the audience that Gandhi and Ambedkar had differences of opinions on myriad issues. However, in the lecture, he was going to discuss the aspect of caste in detail. Prof. Kumar highlighted the ways in which Gandhi and Ambedkar led their life. Gandhi's idea of passive resistance and non-violence started to emerge when he was in South Africa. He returned to India in 1914, shared his clothes with the poor to become a naked fakir. He was the leader behind the Non-cooperation movement, Salt Satyagraha and Quit India Movement. He belonged to an affluent family, unlike Ambedkar who was economically weak and faced adversities in every facet of life. Ambedkar was not allowed to sit with upper-caste boys in school. He was not allowed to take Sanskrit for being an 'untouchable'. He fought and thought for the Dalits and eventually converted to Buddhism. Prof. Kumar acknowledged that Gandhi had an affinity with Ambedkar so far as building a society of justice and peace is concerned.

In so far as the debate between Gandhi-Ambedkar is concerned, there are supporting and opposing camps. The either line of thought endorses one and throws unfair criticism to the other. In this regard, Prof. Kumar illuminated on Arundhati Roy's Introduction to *Annihilation of Caste* by Ambedkar. The two figures seemed to be inextricably linked. However, Gandhi and Ambedkar had diametrically opposite views on caste. For Gandhi, untouchability had nothing to do with the caste system but a division of labour. *Varna* implied duties which are necessary to live. Progenies ought to follow their ancestral works or traditions. This aspect of Gandhi makes him orthodox. Prof. Kumar opined that Ambedkar felt the need of a separate electoral system for Dalits to get justice. In this respect, the Poona Pact garners tremendous significance. Ambedkar on *Annihilation of Caste* states that it's a pity for caste to be defended. Caste is not a division of labour but labourers. It is what divides people into different categories. An outcast shall remain one till there is caste. Gandhi in 1921 endorsed caste. According to him, it was another name for control. For Ambedkar, virtue became caste ridden. Caste system made it unfair to the meritorious and needy. The remedy for caste is inter-marriage. Nothing else will serve as a solvent of caste.

In the concluding remarks, Prof. Kumar pointed out certain ideas associated with Gandhism. Gandhi was a propagator of tradition and an upper caste Hindu spokesperson. He quoted scholar Nagraj to suggest that Indian society would have gained if there

was a big conflict between Gandhi and Ambedkar. After all, Ambedkar attacked the caste system and hoped to purge caste-infected Hindu. He was a realist and not a sceptic.

At the end of the lecture, Dr. Chandan Kumar Panda (Coordinator) thanked Prof. Raj Kumar for his lecture highlighting the ontology and historicity of caste. He also hoped that certain other pertinent aspects such as ideas on petition and colonization may be touched upon while addressing the questions from the audience.

The following questions were asked by the audience during the Q&A session:

1. If New Education that Gandhi initiated in any way accentuates or annihilate casteism. (Mandi Sikayi)
2. How does caste system operate in 21st century urban setting in India? (DevidPayeng)
3. How Gandhi made Ambedkar a villain in his fight to be the real representative of Dalits or realist? (Litum Bole)
4. The National Education Policy, 2020 (Draft) claims to rest on the bedrock of Gandhi's idea of basic education. How you see the future of India's education in the light of the progressive vision of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar for Independent India? (Sumin Prakash)
5. Could you throw light on the impact of the Poona Pact on the prevailing caste system and the status of vulnerable and downtrodden sections of the society in India?

After the Q & A session, Prof. Prasad, a leading Gandhi practitioner, joined the programme. He said that Gandhi believed in the integration of society and worked for the removal of untouchability. It was in fact Gandhi who made Ambedkar a law minister. He said that one should be generous to offer Gandhi his due credits. It was Gandhi who declared himself a Harijan.

The lecture series ended with Dr. Doyir Ete delivering her vote of thanks. She thanked the speaker for the day, Vice-Chancellor, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, officials, dignitaries, previous speakers, faculty members, research scholars and students.

The coordinator concluded the session by thanking everyone

3.6 DAY-5

DAY 5
08/10/2021
3.00 PM to
04.30 PM IST

Topic
“Gandhian Principles of Management”
Speaker
Prof. V. Balamohandas
Former VC
Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur, AP



The keynote for the fifth day of the Five Days Online Lecture Series organized by the Department of English was delivered by Prof. V. Balamohandas, Former Vice-Chancellor, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Hyderabad, on the topic “Gandhian Principles of Management”.

The program began with a welcome address by Prof. Bhagabat Nayak, HOD, Department of English, RGU. It was followed with a brief outline of the objectives of the programme by the coordinator Dr Doyir Ete. Prof. Balamohandas expressed his pleasure in being a part of the lecture series and congratulated the Honorable Vice-Chancellor, Prof Saket Kushwaha, the Department of English and Rajiv Gandhi University for the initiative. He began his talk with an anecdote relating to Arun Gandhi, the Mahatma's grandson which was narrated by Arun Gandhi himself at the University of Puerto Rico, USA. The moral of the story was that there is great power in truth

and non-violence. He then spoke about the concept of Management, and how Gandhian principles can be implemented in it. He highlighted the great leadership skills of Mahatma Gandhi and how he had all the qualities of a great leader with knowledge and experience in almost all the spheres of life. This made him a man of all disciplines. He was a multifaceted man with the spirit of innovation and creativity who introduced non-violence in freedom struggle focusing on peace and liberation without bloodshed. Professor V. Balamohandas emphasized the Gandhian ways of life such as self-discipline, equality, self-reliance, mutual respect, appreciation of individual abilities and teamwork. Decentralizing of authority, commitment and punctuality, emotional intelligence that spoke for patience and perseverance, brand building, self-confidence, and awareness of one's strength and most importantly to be the trustee of wealth and not the owner of it.

With all his devotion to Gandhian ways of life, he appealed to the Honorable Vice-Chancellor to introduce a Diploma Course on Gandhian Studies at Rajiv Gandhi University which was echoed by Prof. Prashad Gollanapalli, a Gandhian Scholar of Gandhi -King Foundation, Hyderabad. He expressed concern over the prevalent loss of Gandhian values and hoped that the introduction of such courses may contribute to its return. Prof. Balamohandas also interacted with the participants and answered their queries.

The programme ended on a high note with the vote of thanks proposed by Dr Miazi Hazam, Associate Professor, Department of English.

PART 4: ONLINE ESSAY COMPETITION



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Students who are currently pursuing Bachelor and Master Degree courses in the colleges and universities of Arunachal Pradesh

Guidelines

- Topic: **Relevance of Gandhi in the Making of New India**
- Language: **English**
- Word Limit: **Maximum 1200 words**
- The scanned copy of the original and handwritten essay in PDF format should be sent as an email attachment to engconf@rgu.ac.in on or before 02nd October 2021 (Till 11.59 PM)
- The participants must also send a scanned copy of their college/university identity card or Admission Receipt along with the essay as proof of their eligibility (non-submission will lead to automatic rejection)

Cash Prizes

1 st :	3000 INR
2 nd :	2000 INR
3 rd :	1000 INR

Coordinator: Dr. Dhriti Sundar Gupta, Dept. of English, Rajiv Gandhi University

An Online Essay Competition on “Relevance of Gandhi in the Making of New India” was organised by the Department of English, Rajiv Gandhi University, as a part of the weeklong celebration of the 152nd Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The objectives and outcomes of the event were as follows.

4.1 Objectives:

To create an awareness among the youth regarding the universal and timeless ideals of Mahatma Gandhi

To motivate the younger generation to study and understand the relevance of Gandhi’s Ideas in Today’s India

4.2 Outcomes:

The youth will emulate Gandhi’s ideals in their lives for better citizenship

The younger generation will understand the relevance of Gandhi in the making of New India

The competition was open for all the students pursuing Bachelor and master’s degree courses in the colleges and universities of Arunachal Pradesh. A total of 89 essays were received from students at different colleges and universities of Arunachal Pradesh. The essays were evaluated by a panel of three examiners selected from amongst the teachers from Rajiv Gandhi University. An average score was drawn from the aggregate of scores awarded by the three examiners, and accordingly, the results of the competition were finalised. The following are the prize winners of the competition.

4.3 Result:

1 ST Prize Cash Prize: 3000 INR	NGAPJING WANGSU B.A. 3 RD SEMESTER JAWAHARLAL NEHRU COLLEGE, PASIGHAT
2 nd Prize Cash Prize: 2000 INR	BIKASH BARUAH M.Sc. 3 RD SEMESTER, DEPT. OF CHEMISTRY RAJIV GANDHI UNIVERSITY & BITAN DEB DONYI POLO B. ED COLLEGE, ITANAGAR
3 rd Prize Cash Prize: 1000 INR	KUTU NIRIN B.A 5 TH SEMESTER DERA NATUNG GOVT COLLEGE ITANAGAR

(Dr. Dhriti Sundar Gupta)
Coordinator

PART 5



Submit recorded **SKIT**

POSTER

To the provided contact details
latest by 3rd oct 2021 (23.59 Hrs.)

GUIDELINE:

SKIT COMPETITION:

1. The participation is open for all
2. The Participants must send a **Recorded SKIT** in **MP4 Format** to the Coordinator on john.gangmei@rgu.ac.in
3. The time limit for recorded SKIT is 5 to 7 Minutes Max.
4. The Participant must send their University/ College ID / Admission Receipt along with the SKIT.

POSTER MAKING:

1. The participation is open for all
2. The participants must send the **POSTER** in **JPEG File Format** with **High Resolution** to the Coordinator on john.gangmei@rgu.ac.in
3. The Participant must send their University/ College ID / Admission Receipt along with POSTER.

Mr. John G Gangmei

Coordinator
SKIT & POSTER making Competition

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Ms. Rumpu Nguri

Coordinator
SKIT & POSTER making Competition

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Department of Social Work, Rajiv Gandhi University, organized an online skit and poster making competition on "Ideas & Ideals of Mahatma Gandhi" as part of the weeklong commemoration of Mahatma Gandhi's 152nd birth anniversary. The event's goals and outcomes were as follows.

5.1 Objectives:

- To raise awareness among young people about Mahatma Gandhi's global and timeless ideas.
- To inspire the next generation to study and comprehend Gandhi's ideas in today's India.

5.2 Outcomes:

- For improved citizenship, the young will replicate Gandhi's ideas in their daily lives.
- The younger generation will recognize Gandhi's significance in the formation of New India.

The competition was accessible to all students studying bachelor's and master's degree programmes in Arunachal Pradesh's institutions and universities. A total of 02 Skits & 3 Posters were received from students at different colleges and universities of Arunachal Pradesh. A team of three examiners chosen among the faculty of Rajiv Gandhi University reviewed the skit and posters. The competition results were finalized after an average score was calculated from the aggregate of scores granted by the three inspectors. The competition's prize winners are listed below.

1st Prize Prize: Memento	Diya Hazarika, Bachelor of Arts, RGU Title: Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and Swadeshi Movement
2nd Prize Prize: Memento	Sumit Kumar Singh, MA-English, Patna University Title: Mahatma Gandhi Aur Nari Shakti
Skit Competition	Tana Limin and Team BA, RGU Title: Today is the Right Time to Get Freedom from Garbage

PART 6: MAJOR TAKEAWAYS

6.1 ACADEMIC CONTEXT

A week-long commemoration of Mahatma Gandhi's 152nd birth anniversary saw a considerable reflection on many areas of study on Gandhi and his principles working both in critical discourse and in daily usage. The importance of studying Gandhi has also been established through numerous frameworks and paths. It was also observed that, in addition to the problems of comprehending Gandhi on indigenous culture, language, and digital humanities, questions have been made regarding fields such as study in performing arts, paintings, and translations, and so on. Prominent scholars from prestigious universities offered lectures, attempting to convey an understanding of what Gandhian philosophy is and how it should be applied in the everyday life of the ordinary man through diverse trajectories of practices, literary ideas, and texts. Ethics was also identified as a critical topic to be addressed throughout these celebrations.

6.2 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6.2.1 Gandhian values, ideas and ideals should be ingrained in course curricula at all levels of formal education.

6.2.2 As a champion of Social Justice and Equity, a comparative discourse on Gandhian Ideology with that of Dr. Ambedkar's views for a holistic understanding and pragmatic implications.

6.2.3 Gandhian economic principles should be re-visited in contemporary context of COVID-19 for sustainability and sarvodaya.

6.2.4 The younger generations must be taught with the Gandhian philosophy of 'Last in the ladder' for an empathetic social order.

6.2.5 The development practitioners should be encouraged to work through Gandhian practice models for a compassionate, empathetic and sustainable world order.

PART 7: ANNEXURES

7.1 PROGRAMME SCHEDULE- ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



राजीव गांधी विश्वविद्यालय (केन्द्रीय विश्वविद्यालय)
Rajiv Gandhi University (A Central University)
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 Rono Hills, Doimukh - 791112, Arunachal Pradesh, INDIA



PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE (AIC)-2021
 (Commemorating 152nd Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi)

On

**CONTEXTUALIZING GANDHI IN THE PARADIGMS OF LITERATURE,
 CULTURE & SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION**

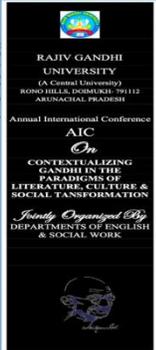
OCTOBER
11th & 12th (Monday & Tuesday), 2021

Jointly Organized by

Departments of English and Social Work
Rajiv Gandhi University

Minute to Minute Agenda of The Programme
INAUGURAL SESSION
[Monday, 11th October, 2021; 10:15 am to 11:05 am]

Master of Ceremony	:	Dr. Prachand Narayan Pirajl, Convenor, AIC-2021
10:15 am to 10:20 am	Welcome Address	Prof. Bhagabat Nayak, Organizing President, AIC-2021
10:20 am to 10:25 am	Brief on Annual International Conference	Dr. Ravi Ranjan Kumar, Convenor, AIC-2021
10:25 am to 10:30 am	A Note to the Participants	Dr. David Pertin, J. Registrar, RGU
10:30 am to 10:35 am	A Note on Celebrating the Birth Anniversary of Mahatma	Dr. N. T. Rikam, Registrar, RGU
10:35 am to 10:40 am	A Note to the theme of AIC-2021	Prof. Oken Lego, Dean Faculty of Languages, RGU
10:40 am to 10:50 am	Keynote Address	Mahatma Gandhi- Man Mytholized, Meaning Marginalized Prof. Sanjal Bhatt Founding President - NAPSWI Former Head, DSSW, University of Delhi.
10:50 am to 11:00 am	Address by The Chair	Prof. Saket Kushwaha Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, RGU
11:00 am to 11:05 am	Vote of Thanks	Dr. Muzd Hazam, Secretary, AIC-2021



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1st TECHNICAL SESSION
11th October (Monday), 2021
11.00 am to 01.15 pm (IST)

Sr. No.	Name	Paper Title
1.	Sangita Borah Research Scholar, Department of Education, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh, India	Mahatma Gandhi: A Social Thinker
2.	Sruthi Sasidharan TV Research Scholar, Department of Comparative Literature and India Studies, EFL University, Hyderabad, India	Gandhi, Ambedkar and the Question of Caste in Selected Malayalam Novels
3.	Dr. Sandeep Panchal Assistant Professor, Dept. of Psychology, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh, India	Gandhi Ji Personality Traits: The Psychological Interpretation
4.	Dr. Rajiv Ranjan Prasad Asst. Professor, Dept. of Hindi, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh, India	गांधी की लोक-रहि और अरुणाचल प्रदेश
5.	Chethan E Guest Faculty, Department of English, Maharaja's College, Mysore, India	Gandhian Perspective: The Role of Character Education In Rural Reconstruction

6.	Dr Sharmistha Bhattacharjee Associate Professor & Head, Dept. of Social Engineering, RGNIDY, Sripurumbudur Ministry of Youth Development and Sports, Govt of India	Education for Rural child labourers and Gandhian View
7.	Vanishree V Guest Faculty, Department of Social Work, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Post Graduate Centre, Suvarnagangothri, Chamarajanagara, India	Economic Principles of Mahatma: Trusteeship and Corporate Social Responsibility
8.	Sumit Kumar Singh Research Scholar, P.G. Department of English, Patna University, Patna, Bihar, India	Convergence and Uncommonalities in the Two Schools of Thought: Dalit Literature and Marxist Theory
9.	Nani Langu Student, Dept. of Social Work, Rajiv Gandhi University	Agrarian Distress: A Social Work Study on Viability of Cultivation as a Sustainable Occupation for Youth in Arunachal Pradesh

2nd TECHNICAL SESSION
11th October (Monday), 2021
2.30 to 3.30 pm (IST)

Sr. No.	Name	Paper Title
Session Chair: Prof. Prasanta Kumar Ghosh Former Head, Department of Social Work, Visva Bharati, Siniketan.		
Moderator: Dr. Kaushalendra Pratap Singh Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, Rajiv Gandhi University		

1.	Dr. Susanta Barik Assistant Professor, History Fakir Mohan University, Balasore, Odisha, India	Provincialisation of Public Health & Sanitation under Mahatma Gandhi in Colonial Odisha (1921-1946)
2.	Dr. Kasimang Mayong Dr. Nisanth.P.M. Assistant Professor, Dept. of Sociology, Rajiv Gandhi University Assistant Professor, Dept. of Education, Rajiv Gandhi University	Scope of Gandhian Education In The 21 st Century
3.	Chaphiak Lowang Assistant Professor, Dept. of Social Work, Rajiv Gandhi University	Substance Use and Dependence among Youth in Arunachal Pradesh
4.	Bharati Biswas Student, Dept. of Social Work, Rajiv Gandhi University	Contrasting Emphases of Private and Government Hospitals – Services and Infrastructure: A Social Work Interventional Study in Sonitpur District of Assam
5.	Mousumi Kalita Student, Dept. of Social Work, Rajiv Gandhi University	Plight of Women under COVID Pandemonium: A Gandhian Perspective on Women in India
3rd TECHNICAL SESSION 11th October (Monday), 2021 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm (IST)		
Session Chair: Amlan Nag Marie Currie Fellow & Young Scientist University of Edinburgh, Scotland.		Moderator: Dr. Prachand Narayan Piraji Assistant Professor, Department of English, Rajiv Gandhi University

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Sr. No.	Name	Paper Title
1.	Dr. Ram Tiwari Department of Defence & Strategic Studies V.S.S.D. P. G. College Kanpur Uttar Pradesh, India	गांधीजी के विचारों की सुरक्षात्मक परिवेश में भूमिका
2.	Nguri Rinya Student, Dept. of Social Work, Rajiv Gandhi University	Health Infrastructure and Accessibility Concerns in Rural Areas: A Social Work Exploratory Study in Papum Pare, Arunachal Pradesh
3.	Dikshita Mahanta MASW, 3 rd Semester, Dept. of Social Work, Rajiv Gandhi University	Re-Imagining Medical Social Worker as Patient Rights Enforcement Officer: A Gandhian Perspective from North-East India
4.	Rimi Phukan Student, Dept. of Social Work, Rajiv Gandhi University	Emerging Dimensions of Women Empowerment: A Social Work Phenomenological Study of Different Tribes in Lakhimpur, Assam.
5.	Milto Mangku Student, Dept. of Social Work, Rajiv Gandhi University	Poverty associated Violence: A Social Work Exploratory Study on BPL Families at Itanagar Capital Complex Arunachal Pradesh.
4th TECHNICAL SESSION 12th October (Tuesday), 2021 10.15 am to 12.15 pm (IST)		
Session Chair: Dr. Manish Sharma Chairperson, Dept. of Gandhian & Peace Studies Panjab University, Chandigarh		Moderator: Dr. Ravi Ranjan Kumar Head i/c, Department of Social Work, Rajiv Gandhi University

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Sr. No.	Name	Paper Title
1.	Dr Doyir Eto Assistant Professor, Department of English Rajiv Gandhi University	Symbolism of Gandhi in Indian Jewish Literary Imagination
2.	Dr. Chandan K Panda Assistant Professor Department of English Rajiv Gandhi University	Gandhi and Expatriate Indians: Methodological Asymmetries
3.	Tenzin Wangmu Assistant Professor, Dept. of Sociology, Mahabodhi Lord Buddha College, Namsai, Arunachal Pradesh, India	Relevance of Gandhian Idea: A Gandhian Approach of Understanding Dam Construction and Environmental Justice in Tawang District of Arunachal Pradesh
4.	Dr. Kirti Arya Medical Social Service Officer (MSSO), All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, India	Mental Health Consequences of Drug Dependency: A Gandhian Analogy of Health and Well-Being
5.	Manjeet Borah Student, Dept. of Social Work, Rajiv Gandhi University	Role of Unregistered Markets in Socio-Economic Upliftment amid COVID Pandemonium: A Case Study of Rural Vendors in Lakhimpur, Assam
6.	Tapi Chama Practitioner, Social Work and MSW Alumnus Department of Social Work, Rajiv Gandhi University	Re-Defining Development from Gandhian Perspective: A Social Work Study in Hydro Power Projects in Arunachal Pradesh
7.	Kenjir Ringu Research Scholar (PhD), Department of Education Menuka Kadu Research Scholar (PhD), Department of Social Work, Rajiv Gandhi (Central) University, Arunachal Pradesh, India	Social Justice through Inclusive and Equitable Education: The Case of Children with Special Needs in Arunachal Pradesh

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5th TECHNICAL SESSION 12th October (Tuesday), 2021 12.30 pm to 1.30 pm (IST)		
Session Chair: Prof. R. P. Dwivedi President, National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI) Former Director, Gandhian Institute.		Moderator: Dr. Prachand Narayan Piraji Assistant Professor, Department of English, Rajiv Gandhi University
Sr. No.	Name	Paper Title
1.	Chukhu Yater Research Scholar (PhD) Dept. of Social Work Rajiv Gandhi University Arunachal Pradesh	Lost and Found: A Case Report on Homeless Women Being Reunited with Family
2.	Toko Jiri Research Scholar (PhD), Dept. of Social Work Rajiv Gandhi University	Health as a Commodity or Fundamental Right? An Indian Perspective on Privatisation of Health Care
3.	Priya Salkia MSW Student, Dept. of Social Work Rajiv Gandhi University	Maternal Health: A Social Work Interventional Study in Rural Areas of Lakhimpur District, Assam
4.	Buru Jobii MSW Student, Dept. of Social Work, Rajiv Gandhi University	People's Preferential Priorities in Private Schools over Government School: A Social Work Interventional Study of Ziro Circle, Lower Subansiri District, 791120, Arunachal Pradesh
5.	Mousumi Kalita MSW Student, Dept. of Social Work Rajiv Gandhi University	Plight of Women under COVID Pandemonium: A Gandhian Perspective

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Valedictory Session
{Tuesday, 12th October, 2021; 03:15 pm to 04:00 pm}

	Master of Ceremony	:	Dr. Prachand Narayan Piraji , Convenor, AIC-2021
03:15 pm to 03:20 pm	Welcome Address	:	Dr. Kaushalendra P Singh , Advisor, AIC-2021
03:20 pm to 03:25 pm	Programme Report- AIC 2021	:	Dr. Ravi Ranjan Kumar , Convenor, AIC-2021
03:25 pm to 03:30 pm	A Note to the Participants	:	Prof. Otem Padung , Finance Officer, RGU
03:25 pm to 03:30 pm	A Note to the theme of AIC-2021	:	Prof. Tana Showren Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, RGU
03:30 pm to 03:45 pm	Valedictory Address	:	<i>Introspection and Identification of Mahatma within each Self</i> Prof. Periyakrishna Moorthy School of Social Sciences and International Studies Pondicherry University
03:45 pm to 03:50 pm	Announcement of Awards	:	Prof. Bhagabat Nayak , Organising President, AIC-2021
03:50 pm to 03:55 pm	Address by The Chair	:	Prof. Amitava Mitra Hon'ble Pro Vice-Chancellor, RGU
03:55 pm to 04:00 pm	Vote of Thanks	:	Dr. Dhriti Sundar Gupta Organizing Member, AIC-2021



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7.2 PROGRAMME SCHEDULE- FIVE DAY LECTURE SERIES

DAY 1 04/10/2021 3.00 PM to 04.30 PM IST	INAUGURAL PROGRAMME Chief Guest Prof. Saket Kushwaha Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Rajiv Gandhi University Key-note Speaker Prof. Prasad Gollanapalli Gandhian Scholar Gandhi King Foundation, Hyderabad	 
DAY 2 05/10/2021 3.00 PM to 04.30 PM IST	Topic: "Gandhi's Truth: Theory and Practice" Speaker: Dr. Avadhanam Raghukumar	
DAY 3 06/10/2021 3.00 PM to 04.30 PM IST	Special Guest: Mr. Tushar Gandhi (Great-Grandson of Mahatma Gandhi) Writer and Gandhian Scholar Topic: "Gandhian Concept of Education" Speaker: Dr. Prasad Mandi NITIE, Mumbai	 
DAY 4 07/10/2021 3.00 PM to 04.30 PM IST	Topic "Gandhi-Ambedkar Debate" Speaker Prof. Raj Kumar Delhi University	
DAY 5 08/10/2021 3.00 PM to 04.30 PM IST	Topic "Gandhian Principles of Management" Speaker Prof. V. Balamohandas Former VC Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur, AP	



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7.3 PROGRAMME SCHEDULE- ESSAY COMPETITION



CELEBRATING 152nd BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MAHATMA

ONLINE ESSAY COMPETITION

“RELEVANCE OF GANDHI IN THE MAKING OF NEW INDIA”

Organised By
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Coordinator: Dr. Dhriti Sundar Gupta, Dept. of English, Rajiv Gandhi University

7.4 PROGRAMME SCHEDULE – SKIT & POSTER MAKING COMPETITION



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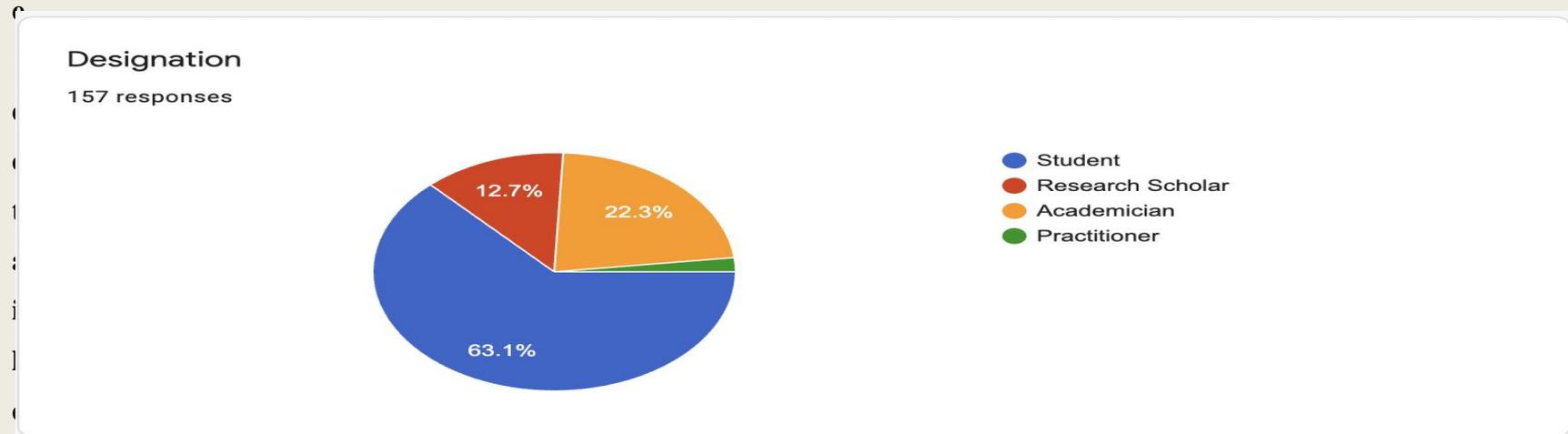
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7.1 TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS – AIC

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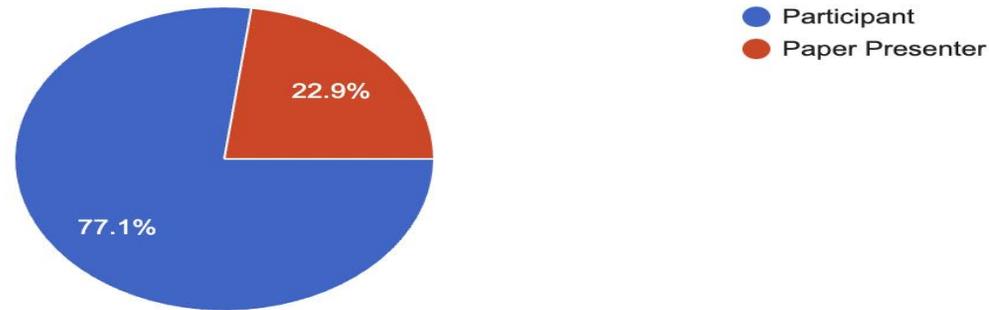


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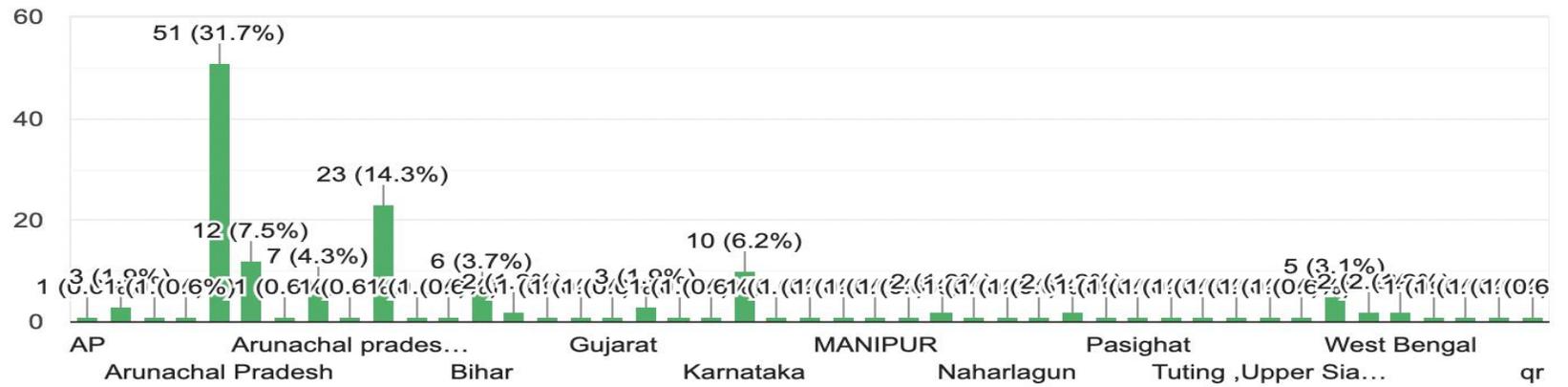
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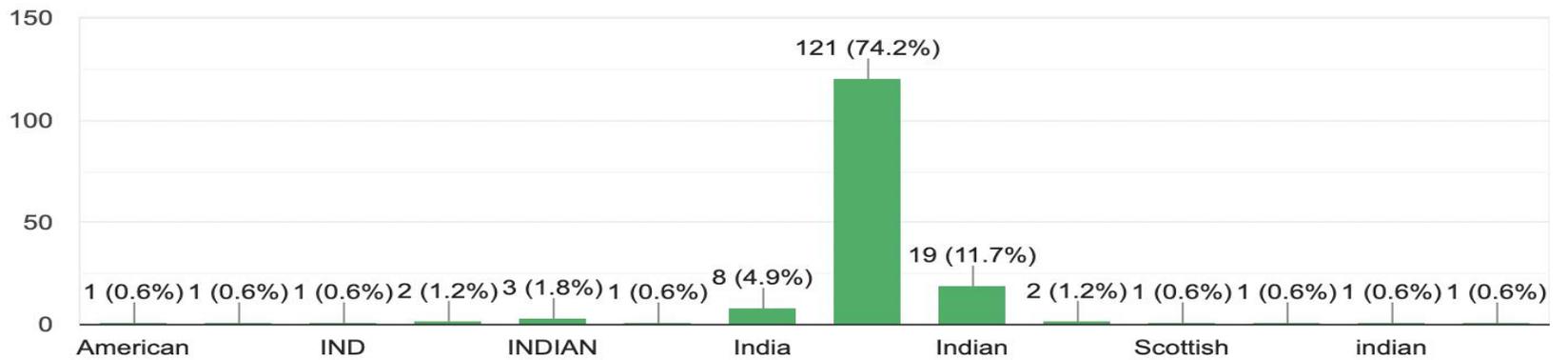
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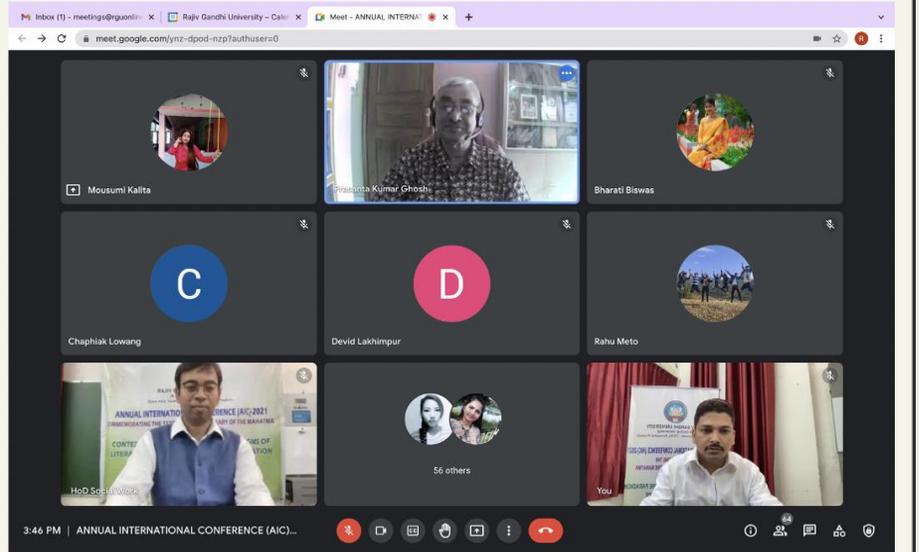
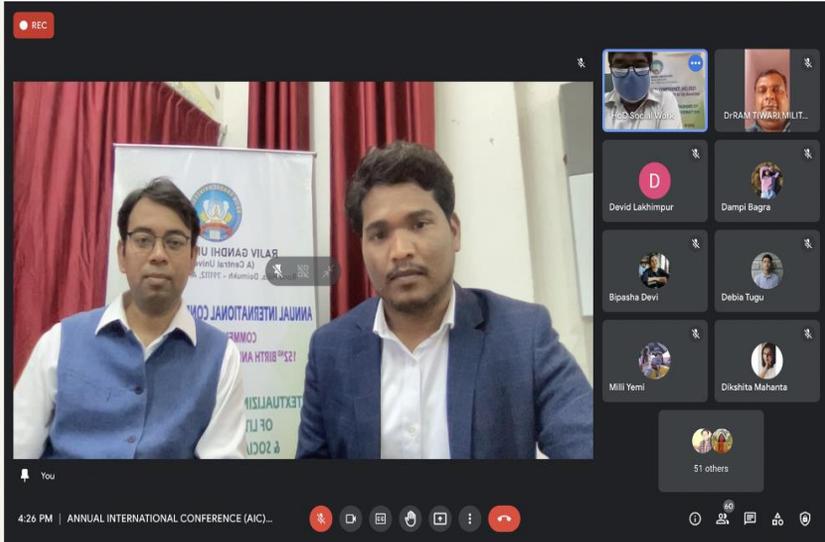
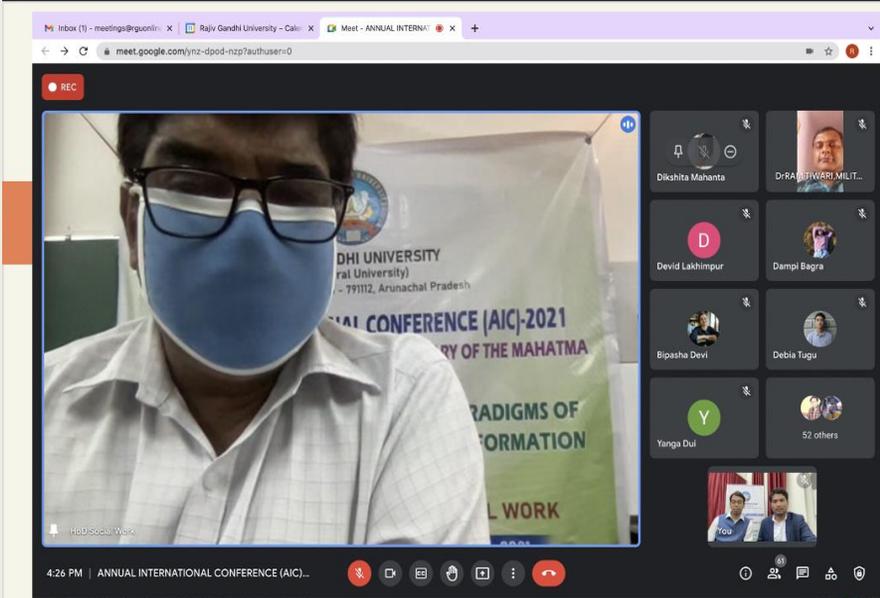


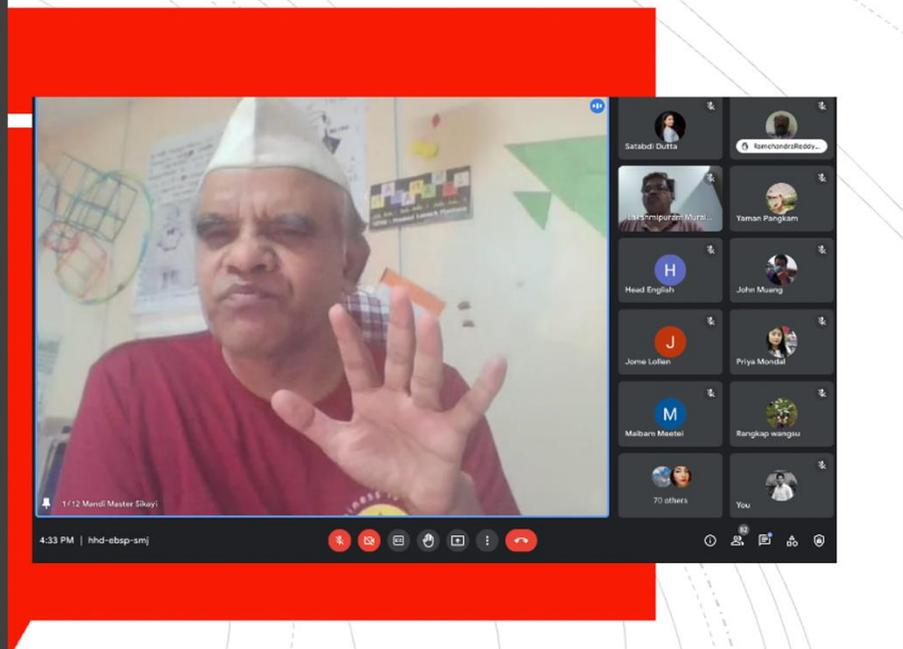
PART 9: PHOTO GALARY

AIC-2021 INAUGURAL SESSION

1. PROF. SAKET KUSHWAHA Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, RGU
2. PROF. BHATT, Chief Guest
3. Dr. N T RIKAM, Registrar, RGU







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YOUNG GANDHIAN THINKER AWARD

THIS HONOUR IS BESTOWED UPON

Mr. Sumit Kumar Singh

PhD. Scholar
Department of English, Patna University
Bihar, India

in recognition and appreciation
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GANDHIAN PRACTICE MODEL AWARD

THIS HONOUR IS BESTOWED UPON

Dr. Sharmistha Bhattacharjee

Medical Social Service Officer
All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi

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**“Education for Rural Child Labourers and Gandhian View:
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Medical Social Service Officer
All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi

in recognition and appreciation
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Dikshita Mahanta

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Department of Social Work, Rajiv Gandhi University
Arunachal Pradesh

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RONO HILLS, 11 Oct: A two-day online 'International conference on contextualizing Gandhi in the paradigms of literature, culture and social transformation' began at Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) here on Monday.

Jointly organized by RGU's English and social work departments, the conference is part of the university's celebration of the 152nd birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation.

Prior to this, the English department had organized a five-day online lecture series on Mahatma Gandhi from 4 to 8 October. Essay competition and skits, as well as poster making, were also organized as part of the weeklong celebration.

In the inaugural session, RGU Vice Chancellor Prof Saket Kushwaha called upon the participants to "realize the true meaning of honesty in personal and professional lives."

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Also present on the first day of the conference was Prof Sanjai Bhatt, the founding president of the National Association of Professional Social Workers in India.

Prof Bhatt urged all to "realize the importance of social capital and family," which he said are "getting neglected in our blind rush towards material pursuits, which Bapu always warned as the source of all evils."

RGU Registrar Dr NT Rikam, Joint Registrar (Academic & Conference) Dr David Pertin and Hyderabad-based Gandhi-King Foundation's chief trustee Prof Gollanapalli Prasad also spoke.

The first day of the conference featured three technical sessions, during which around 12 participants from different parts of the country presented their research papers on Mahatma Gandhi.

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Int'l conference on Mahatma Gandhi concludes

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RONO HILLS, 12 Oct: The online two-day international conference on 'Contextualizing Gandhi in the paradigms of literature, culture and social transformation' concluded at Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) here on Tuesday.

The prizes and awards to the winners in various categories of competitions were also announced during the valedictory function. There were three different categories of awards for the paper presenters.

The Gandhian Literary Award for Research Papers from Literary Perspective was awarded to Dr Rajiv Ranjan Prasad from RGU and Sumit Kumar Singh from Patna University.

The Gandhian Practice Model Award for Practical Recommendations to Policymakers and Practitioners went to Dr Sharmistha Bhattacharjee of Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Tamil Nadu, and Dr Kirti Arya from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi.

The award for Young Scholars on Gandhian Research went to Dikshita Mahanta and Tapi Chama.

The conference was attended by participants from Nepal, Scotland, America and Bangladesh, besides India.

More than 40 research papers were received for the conference, out of which the awards were conferred "based on presentation, contents and understanding by the paper presentations," the university informed in a release.

The valedictory session was chaired by RGU Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof Amitava Mitra, and the valedictory address was delivered by former dean and senior professor at the School of Social Sciences and International Studies, Pondicherry University, Prof Periyakrishna Moorthy.

RGU Finance Officer Prof Otem Padung, Social Sciences Dean Prof Tana Showren and other eminent personalities were present during the valedictory session.

Social Work Department Head (In-charge) Dr Ravi Ranjan Kumar and Assistant Professor Dr Prachand Narayan Piraji were the convenors and moderators of the technical sessions as well as the valedictory session.

The conference was jointly organized by RGU's English and social work departments as part of the weeklong celebration of the 152nd birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

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The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting interface. At the top, a red 'REC' button and the text 'Dhriti Sundar Gupta is presenting' are visible. The main content area displays a congratulatory message for BIKASH BARUAH, an M.Sc. 3rd Semester student at Rajiv Gandhi University, for winning an Online Essay Competition on the 'Relevance of Gandhi in the Making of New India'. The message includes a silver medal icon with the number '2' and the word 'Congratulations' in a cursive font. On the right side, a grid of participant thumbnails is shown, including users like 'miazi hazam', 'Kaushalendra Pratap S...', 'Moorthy Krishna', 'Dhriti Sundar Gupta', 'Pro VC', 'Balo Yakh', 'Otem Padang', and '69 others'. The bottom of the screen features a toolbar with icons for mute, video, chat, and other meeting controls, along with the time '4:42 PM' and the meeting title 'ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE (AIC)...'.

Annual International Conference-2021 at RGU, Arunachal

TWO-DAY ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE-2021 AND WEEK-LONG CELEBRATIONS COMMEMORATING MAHATMA GANDHI CONCLUDES AT RGU

The two-day 'Annual International Conference (AIC-2021) on Contextualizing Gandhi in the Paradigms of Literature, Culture and Social Transformation' which began on the 11th of October, 2021 at Rajiv Gandhi University in online mode ended today with the successful completion of twenty-three Research Paper presentations distributed along five technical sessions and Valedictory Session.

The Conference was jointly organized by the Departments of English and Social Work as part of Week-long celebrations of the 152nd Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The International Conference followed the 5-day Online Lecture Series and Essay Competition on Mahatma Gandhi from the 4th to the 8th of October 2021 organized by the Department of English and an online Skit and Post Making Competition organized by Department of Social Work and CYDLS.

The Valedictory Session was Chaired by the Hon'ble Pro-Vice Chancellor of RGU, Prof. Amitava Mitra and the Valedictory Address was delivered by Prof. Periyakrishna Moorthy, who is the former Dean and Senior Professor, School of Social Sciences and International Studies, Pondicherry University, Puducherry. The topic of his address was 'Introspection and Identification of Mahatma within Each Self'.

The Finance Officer of the University, Prof. Otem Padung; the Dean of Faculty of Social Sciences, Prof. Tana Showren and other eminent personalities were present during the Valedictory Session. The vital role of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Saket Kushwaha was acknowledged as the prime source of motivation behind these initiatives by the Organizing President Prof. Bhagabat Nayak, Organizing President and Head, Department of English.

Dr. Ravi Ranjan Kumar, Head i/c, Social Work and Dr. Prachand Narayan Piraji, Assistant Professor, English were the Convenors of the AIC-2021 and also moderated the technical sessions as well as the Valedictory Session.

The prizes and awards to the winners of various categories of competition were also announced during valedictory. There were three different categories of awards for paper presenters. The Gandhian Literary Award for Research Papers from Literary Perspective were awarded to Dr. Rajiv Ranjan Prasad from RGU and Mr. Sumit Kumar Singh from Patna University.

The Gandhian Practice Model Award for practical recommendations to policy makers and practitioners went to Dr. Sharmistha Bhattacharjee of Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Tamilnadu and Dr. Kirti Arya from All India institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi. Award for young scholars on Gandhian Research went to

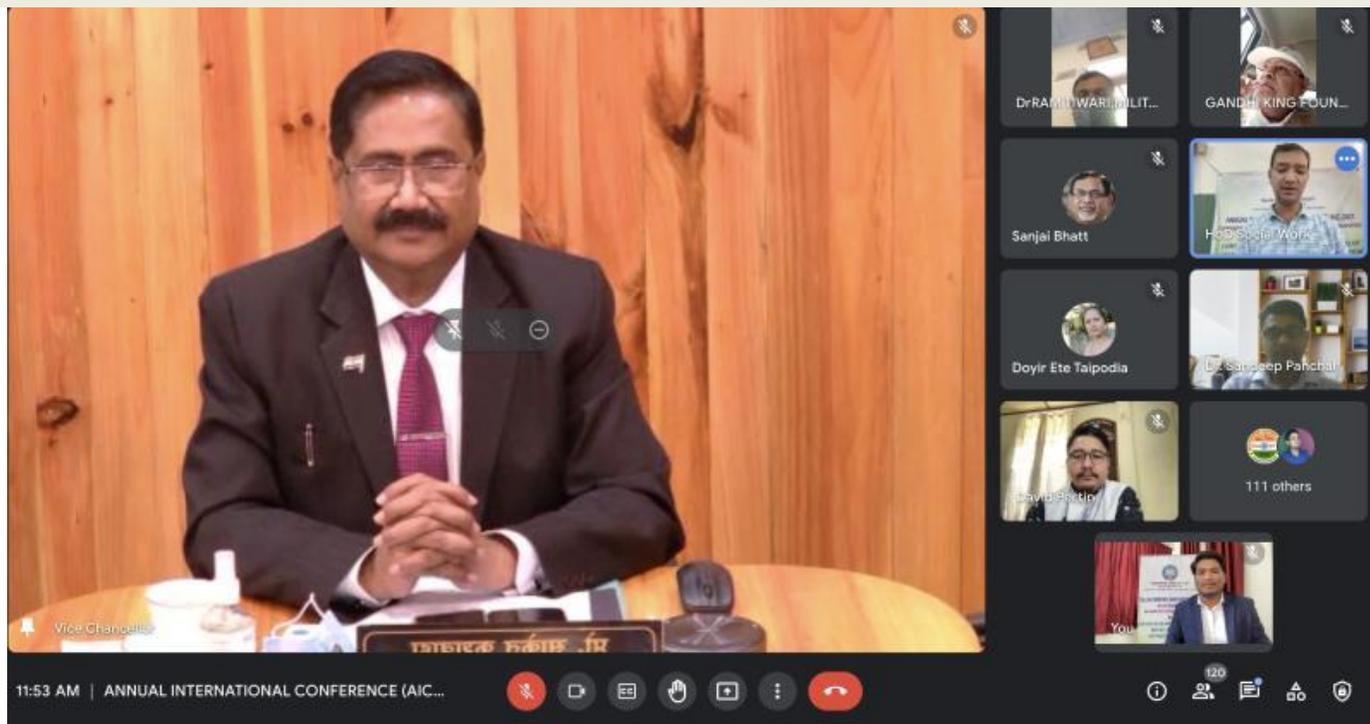
Ms. Dikshita Mahanta and Mr. Tapi Chama.

The AIC-2021 has witnessed participants from Nepal, Scotland, America and Bangladesh including our own country. There were more than forty research papers received for the conference out of which awards were conferred based on presentation, contents and understanding by the paper presentations.

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COMMEMORATING GANDHI ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE-2021 BEGINS AT RGU

A two-day 'Annual International Conference on Contextualizing Gandhi in the Paradigms of Literature, Culture and Social Transformation' began today at Rajiv Gandhi University in online mode. The programme is jointly organized by the Departments of English and Social Work, this two-day International Conference is part of the University's celebration of the 152nd Birth Anniversary of the Father of the Nation.

Prior to it, the Department of English had organized a five-day online Lecture Series on Mahatma Gandhi from the 4th to the 8th of October 2021. Competitions encouraging youth participation like Essay Competition on the theme, 'Relevance of Gandhi in the making of New India' by Department of English and Skit as well as Poster Making on Life, Ideas and Ideals of Mahatma Gandhi by Department of Social Work are also part of the week-long celebrations.

The Inaugural session was Chaired by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of RGU, Prof. Saket Kushwaha and the Keynote Address was delivered by Prof. Sanjai Bhatt, who is the founding President of National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI) and former Head, Delhi School of Social Work (DSSW), University of Delhi.

The Registrar of the University, Dr. N. T. Rikam, the Dean of Faculty of Languages, Prof. Oken Lego, Jt. Registrar (Aca. & Conf.), Dr. David Pertin, Prof. Gollanapalli Prasad, Chief Trustee, Gandhi-King Foundation, Hyderabad and a host of other eminent personalities were present during the Inaugural Session.

Prof. Saket kushwaha during his presidential remarks to inaugural session called upon the participants to realize the true meaning of honesty in personal and professional lives. He focused that Gandhiji always suggested being non-hypocritical and if we can realize that in our lives most of our issues will be taken care.

Keynote Speaker and Veteran Social Worker Prof. Bhatt asked for the audience to realize the importance of social capital and family which is getting neglected in our blind rush to material pursuits which the Bapu always warned as source of all evils. Registrar, Dr. N.T. Rikam highlighted the significance of recalling the life and lessons as critical to building value system for younger generations, which Joint Registrar (academic & conference), Dr. David Pertin emphasized on core principles of Gandhian philosophy as being Holistic, Inclusive and Empathetic.

The Inaugural Session was followed by three Technical Sessions in which around 12 participants from different parts of the country presented their research papers on Mahatma Gandhi. The programme will conclude on 12th October, 2021 with announcement of awards for best paper presenters as well as other competitions. Prof. Bhagawat Nayak, Head, Department of English has been the Organizing President while Dr. Ravi Ranjan Kumar, Head i/c, Social Work together with Dr. Prachand Narayn Piraji, Assistant Professor, English have been Convenors who also served as master of ceremony during the inaugural session.

Dr. Dhriti Sundar Gupta, Assistant Professor, English moderated the first technical session while other sessions were moderated by Dr. Kaushalendra Pratap Singh, Social Work and Dr. Miazi Hazam, English. Prof. K.C. Mishra, Department of English chaired the final technical session.

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