

Two-day National Seminar on Gandhi in Indian English Literature

Philosophy of Gandhi and Marx Together can Meet the Challenges of our Time

Udaipur: A two-day National seminar was organized by the department of English, M.V.Shramjeevi College,

Mahatma Gandhi had influenced twentieth century. Although western capitalist model today dominates the

University made the inaugural address. In her speech she mentioned the influence of Mahatma

Bhargava, key speaker of the seminar spoke about the place of Kasturba in the life of Gandhi and her depiction by authors on Gandhi. She said that Gandhiji practiced all his novel ideas and principles on Kasturba who accepted his command and followed them all in letter and spirit.

But she did not get the desired attention by the biographers of Gandhi. She said that Gandhiji's experiments with truth would have not become a reality had Kasturba not stood by him throughout her life. Special guest Mr. Kishore Saint, noted Gandhian scholar and activist said that Gandhi and Marx can converge at the issues of ecological balance,

curbing consumerism and containing violence in the world. He said individually one cannot meet the challenges of our times but if a fine combination of the two philosophies can be struck it may help mankind. He said that consumerism has already damaged the world too much. Opposed to that, Gandhian philosophy advocates limiting one's needs and Marxist philosophy advocates equitable distribution of resources and opportunity among all.

This can only sustain the world. Guest of Honour Prof. Sudha Chaudhary, Professor and Head of the Department of Philosophy, M.L.Sukhadia University said that no philosophy can be complete in itself. One needs to examine each philosophy in the context of time and then see if that suits the occasion. Presiding over the inaugural session Prof. SumanPamecha, Principal,

M.V.Shramjeevi College stated that the literature related to Mahatma Gandhi is highly motivational and can inspire people to lead a virtuous life. In the beginning of the session Prof. Mukta Sharma, Head Department of English welcomed the guests. Prof. H.S.Chandalia, convener of the seminar gave the concept note and stated that Indian English Literature was immensely influenced by the life and thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi. He also mentioned several English and Hindi authors who had depicted Gandhi and his ideology in their writings. Talking about the reason of organizing the seminar he said that in the present times the parties in power are demeaning Gandhi and elevating Sardar Patel.

They are demonizing Nehru and celebrating Godse. In such a situation it is necessary to

revisit Gandhiji and his ideology. The session was conducted by Dr. Mehzeen Sadiwala and Dr. Preeti Rajput proposed a vote of thanks. The special feature of the inaugural session was the felicitation of Prof. Mukta Sharma for her life time achievements and contribution to the world of academics. Prof. SumanBala and other guests felicitated her with a citation, shawl and coconut, the sacred fruit. The inaugural function was followed by a plenary session in which Dr. Rajshri Ranawat, Associate Professor, Jai Narayan Vyas University, Jodhpur delivered a lecture. This session was chaired by Prof. Sunil Bhargava, retired Principal, Govt. PG College, Jhalawar.

On the second day of the conference Dr. Jaishree Singh, B.N. University and Dr. Kshamta Chaudhary, VMOU, Kota delivered plenary lectures. In technical sessions which were chaired by Dr. Sumer Singh, Principal, Govt. Girls College, Ratangarh, Dr. K.S.Kang, Maharana Pratap Government PG College, Chittorgarh and Dr. Rekha Tiwari, Guru Nanak Girls College, Udaipur.

The valedictory session was chaired by Prof. SumanPamecha, Principal, M.V.Shramjeevi College. Prof. Pradeep Tripathi, Professor and Head, Department of English, M.L.Sukhadia University was the chief guest while Dr. Minakshi Jain, Associate Professor, M.L.Sukhadia University was the guest of honour. Prof. The guests gave away the certificates to the delegates. H.S.Chandalia proposed the vote of thanks and announced that selected papers of the seminar will be published in a book form.

- Prof. H.S.Chandalia



Janardan Rai Nagar Rajasthan Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be) University, Udaipur on 22-23 Jan 2019 to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary year of Mahatma Gandhi.

In this two day seminar forty five scholars presented their research papers from different parts of the country. The discussions led to the conclusion that both Karl Marx and

world but it has given rise to several challenges and problems in the world. The philosophies of Mahatma Gandhi and Karl Marx together can provide the means to address these problems.

The two-day National Seminar began with the inaugural session in which the Chief Guest Prof. SumanBala, Professor of English retired from Delhi

Gandhi on Indian literature. She referred to the novels 'Untouchable' by Dr. Mulk Raj Anand, 'Kanthapuraby Raja Rao, 'Waiting for Mahatma by R.K.Narayan, the 'Gandhi Quartet' by Chaman Nahal, 'Mrityunjay' by Shivaji Sawant and several other texts from Indian languages to trace the influence of Gandhi on Indian Literature. Prof. Rajul

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ECI to host International Conference on 'Making Our Elections Inclusive and Accessible'

Udaipur: In consonance with the 9th National Voters' Day to be held on 25th January 2019, Election Commission of India (ECI) is going to host an International Conference on 'Making Our Elections Inclusive and Accessible' on 24th January 2019. Besides Chief Election Commissioner Sh. Sunil Arora and Election Commissioner Sh. Ashok Lavasa, Heads and dignitaries from six Election Management Bodies (EMBs) viz. Bangladesh, Bhutan, Kazakhstan, Maldives, Russia & Sri Lanka and three International Organisations viz. Malaysian Commonwealth Studies Centre, U.K and International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA) and International Centre for parliamentary Studies (ICPS) will participate in the event.

There will be two sessions during the Conference where representatives from the EMBs and International Organisations will participate and share their experiences, best practices and initiatives aimed at electoral engagement, enrolment and

active participation in inclusive and accessible voting exercise in various countries.

During the Conference the January 2019 issue of ECI's quarterly magazine 'Voice International' will be released which will carry articles on the theme of 'Making polling stations accessible and voter friendly'. On the sidelines of the Conference, ECI will also renew Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for cooperation in the field of election management with the Election Commission of Bhutan.

The MOU provides for an institutional framework and aim for promotion of exchanges of knowledge and experience in the field of organizational and technical development, with a view to strengthen the administration of electoral processes; exchange of information, material, expertise and technical know-how relating to electoral processes and systems; training of personnel and organizational development and capacity building.

Election Commission of India has, so far, signed

MOUs with twenty-five Election Management Bodies and International Organizations viz. with Australia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Brazil, Chile, Fiji, Georgia, Ivory Coast, Guinea, Republic of Korea, Kyrgyz Republic, Libya, Mauritius, Mexico, Moldova, Myanmar, Nepal, Russia, South Africa, Suriname, Yemen and United Nations, Intl. IDEA & International Foundation for Electoral Systems.

The International Conference is being organised with the purpose of sharing the experience of different EMBs, International Institutions and Experts with regard to analysis of barriers, policy interventions, strategies, programmes, good practices and technological innovation for inclusive and accessible election. The international delegates will also attend the National Voters' Day Celebrations in New Delhi besides visiting the new campus of the India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management (IIIDEM) at Dwarka, New Delhi on 25th January 2019.

Education exchange programme@RIS



Udaipur: Education exchange programme is one of the effective ways to challenge the students to develop a global perspective. As a part of this programme, a Skype session on ISA activity- Traditional Delicacies was conducted for the Primary students of Ryan International School, Udaipur with their Nigerian counterparts. A live session on the preparation of Abacha (a traditional Eastern delicacy of Nigeria) was shared by the students and teachers of Imperial Gate School, Nigeria. The session helped them gain and understand the variation in food items according to the taste and culture of a particular country along with sharing attitude. Principal Poonam Rathore appreciated and congratulated the students and teachers for their efforts in enriching global experience.

A new train to connect to Guwahati

Udaipur: Railway Minister Piyush Goyal gifted Udaipur a direct connection to Assam with extension of the Kamakhya-Jaipur Kavirguru Express till Udaipur. Kamakhya Junction railway station is a railway station located at Maligaon in Guwahati, Assam.

Extension of the train will also provide Udaipur with a direct connection with stations that fall enroute like Lucknow, Kanpur, Ayodhya, Gorakhpur, Muzaffarpur, New Jalpaiguri (West Bengal) and New Bongaigaon (Assam). Goyal announced that train number 19710/19709 Kamakhya-Jaipur Kavirguru Express will be extended up to Udaipur. On extended portion, the train will halt at Ajmer, Bhilwara, Chanderiya, Mavli, Ranapratnagar stations.

Goyal today announced extension

of 22 trains all over the country. He said that Indian Railways is experimenting with train extensions. These extensions help Indian Railways in "sweating its assets" better.

Sojtia's Khushi ranked 29th in All-India CA exam

Udaipur: The results of the examination of the CA conducted by the Institute of Chartered Accountant of India in November 2018 were announced today. In which students of Sojtia classes achieved a milestone again.



Founder Professor of the Institute Ranjit Singh Sojtia said that the student Khushi Doshi of institute got 341 points and captured 29th All India rank.

Dr. Mahendra Sojtia, director of Sojtia classes told that. Raghi Jain of Sogatia classes Jain, Yukta Talreja, Tanvi Agarwal, Nirmal Nagda, Darsh Shah, Puja Chawla, Nandita Mundada, Neha Kumari and Priyashish Jain Nandita Rathod, Naveen Sukhwai, Nandikhatra, Jayesh Suthar, Mihir Singh Bhandari, and Gaurav Panchal, Megha Sharma got Dishi Sharma and Darshan Mittal with 309, 308, 301, 300, 294, 292, 280, 262, 260, 259, 252, 250, 250, 249, 246, & 245 marks respectively with special merit position achieved & captured the best places in the examination result.

Shabham Jain, Ashma Rajawat, Megha Harkawat, Shubham Dangi, Juhi Chaudhary, Jinesh Jain, Ravindra Shirmali, Palash Gupta, Anshima Bhanavat, Harshita Khandelwal, Damini Srangdevot, Amit from Sojtia Group cleared CA results declared by CA Institutes. Sushmita Jain, Arushi Upadhyay, Uttam Choubisa, Ravi Purohit, Sohail Mansuri, Gaurav Maliwal, Harshita Jain, Priyanka

Mehta, Lokesh Paliwal, Jagdish Pai Wal, Rishabh Taunk, Abhijit Sharma, Varsha Suthar Anchal Chittora, Abhishek Kothari, Ronk Ranka, Vaibhav Mehta, Devon Mehta, Fozia Hussain, Mohit Dabriya passed the final examination.

All India Ranker delighted institution & gave credit for his success to his family and as well as Sojtia classes. Simultaneously, the study material of Sojtia classes proved to be very beneficial to them.

Collector's review of Micro artifacts of Chittora

Udaipur: District Collector Anandi saw various artifacts created by the famous craftsman and creator of miniature artifacts Chandra Prakash Chittora of the city and appreciated efforts.

On this occasion the collector also released the miniature calendar of the year 2019 created by Chittora. During this time, he created a microscopic kite made on the grain of lentils, calendars of various micro-shapes, beautiful artwork built on chalk sticks, etc. about the subtle and small works informed the collector and told that with this art also provide training to students about interocutory.

Priyankagandhi's formal entry into politics....

Priyankagandhi's formal entry into politics should have sent the BJP high command reaching for smelling salts. This was a carefully-crafted initiation. There is no doubt in anyone's mind where Priyanka stands in the Congress pecking order, yet hers has been a lateral induction with a perceptibly modest assignment — overseeing just 40-odd Lok Sabha seats in eastern UP. Not only did it leave the nominal top brass



of UP Congress undisturbed, but also sent out the signal that Priyanka, like any Tom and Harry, is being put through the paces. It is a dynastic succession, but a true trial by fire.

The steepness of the challenge is obvious: on the one hand, there is the entrenched Modi-Shah-Yogi trio with caste equations in place and a well-oiled party machine to persuade the voter; and on the other, is the SP-BSP alliance that fashions itself as the principal opposition to the BJP in UP and considers the Congress worthy of just two seats.

There is a fragility in this arrangement that Priyanka will be expected to negotiate. The no-holds-barred battle will have to be carefully calibrated to leave the door just ajar for a post-poll alliance with the SP-BSP, if it comes to that. The Congress has made a comeback in bazaar gossip but its UP tally of two Lok Sabha seats and seven MLAs is indicative of a stark absence of an attractive narrative.

Priyanka's past record of public engagement suggests she does not turn the other cheek. Rahul, temperamentally challenged by the BJP's invective-laden lexicon, now has an ably during election-time stumping when the Modi-Shah-Yogi trio will inevitably lauder the Nehru-Gandhi family's inadequacies that have so far received muted riposte. Her telegenic charisma spills beyond the confines of eastern UP and the Congress will expectly capitalise on Priyanka's resemblance to her grandmother to encash Indira Gandhi's enduring political capital, especially in the southern states. Rahul has tried to craft a different political persona but the 'X factor' deficit, which sets apart a leader from the crowd, needed to be supplemented.

Changemaker Day@DPS

You are never too young or immature to start making a difference in the community and translating the social issue ... believing in this maxim Ashoka Innovators for the public conducted a Changemaker Day in the premises of Delhi Public School, Udaipur. Various schools of repute were invited to participate in the "Flash Pitch Competition" on 21st January 2019. Teams in the presence of Mr. Yashveer Singh, Director of Youth Venture in South Asia, Ms. Nitya Singhal- the founder of Incept Designs and Luxury Travels, Mr. Pratyush Joshi, who started "Sampark" an initiative focused on promoting public engagement in solving civic problems, Mr. Divyadarshan and Mr. Kush Pandey, the young changemakers came up with unique and unattended problems to deal with. Teams from Step By Step High School showed concern and probable solutions about disposal of



ermakers across the globe which motivated students to gear up and do really something in the field of social entrepreneurship. Mr. Dhabai Head master and Ms. Shalini, the Headmistress of middle school and primary Wing respectively kept pitching in with their support and guidance throughout the session. The Programme took another level

with the discussion between the panel and the students during 'Design Thinking' session. It was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by everybody.

Pro Vice Chairman Shri Govind Agrawal encouraged the teachers and students by saying that such events take us a step forward in encouraging innovation sprouting in the minds of students to make positive changes in the society to step up and launch initiatives along the framework of social entrepreneurship and change making in present scenario. We will be creating more such platforms for our students to become aware and socially conscious citizens. In the words of Principal I/C Mr. Sanjay Narvaria, "In the current scenario, everyone needs to become a change maker and in order to help them become a changemaker, we need to make big changes in the way our young generation experiences education.

DPS Udaipur took initiative to trigger the process and to envision a world in which everyone is a change maker in association with the team of Ashoka innovators for the public, Bangalore.

Rajesh Chaplot receives highest NRI award from President of India

Udaipur: An ex-St Paulian and a resident of Udaipur was felicitated with "Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award (PBSA), 2019 from H.E the President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind on 23 January 2019, Pravasi Bhartiya Divas at Varanasi. This is the highest award given to any Non Resident Indian.

This award was given to Rajesh Chaplot, a 1982 batch alumnus for his contribution towards keeping the India flag flying high in Uganda & Africa. His family comprises of his wife Pratibha Chaplot, daughter Krati Chaplot, married to Aditya Chordia and lives in London & younger daughter Savi Chaplot who works as an Actuary in Dubai. Rajesh Chaplot is a Chartered Accountant by profession and has resided in Uganda for the last 20 years. His contribution in Uganda/Africa includes his capacity as the CEO of Graphic Systems (U) Ltd., a printing and packing company based in Uganda. Chaplot has steered the company to its current position as the best printing and packaging company in East Africa. As the Chairman of the Indian Association in Uganda, he spearheaded the first Diwali celebration at the State House in 2012 with the President of Uganda, a tradition which has been maintained ever since.

In addition, Chaplot launched a monthly 6-page Indian content magazine called "Indi Vision" as part of the National Government Newspaper of Uganda (New Vision) to propagate Indian news, businesses, and culture in Uganda. He also formed the Indian Business Forum in Uganda to raise concerns of Indian business houses in Uganda with the Ugandan Government. Chaplot is a business advisor to the President of Uganda, HE Yoweri Kagame at the Presidential Investors Round Table. He is also a member of the National consultative committee of Ministry of Trade, Uganda. He was also on the Board of Uganda manufacturers Association for 6 yrs. He has been on the Board of Miss Uganda Foundation, Indian Women Association, Uganda and many others.

Among many awards, Chaplot has been awarded as Ambassador of Indian Award, in 2016 and Award for lobbying for Indian business community in 2017 and recently awarded as International Leaders Award from Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, New Delhi in 2018. Under Chaplot's leadership, the Indian Association in Uganda has launched several humanitarian and social initiatives such as creation of a life-saving drug bank, annual blood donation drives, and creation of a distress fund for Indians in Uganda.

