



GANDHI BHAWAN

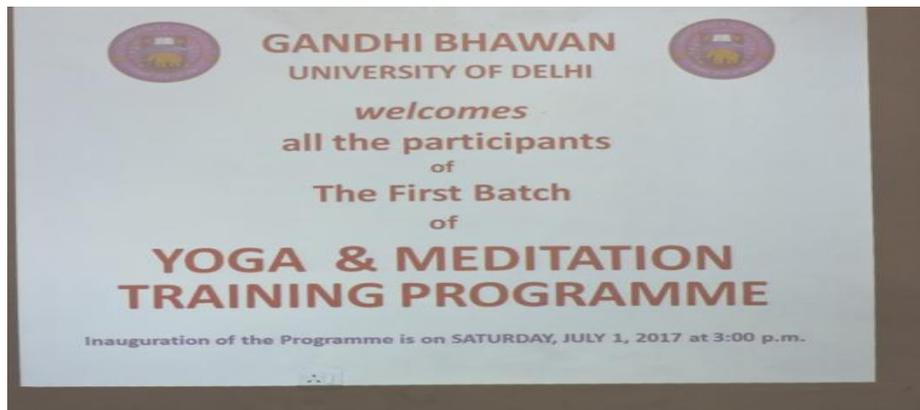
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REPORT

1 JULY – 31 OCTOBER 2017

- Inauguration of three months Yoga Meditation Training Programme:** Gandhi Bhawan launched a three months Yoga Meditation Training programme of 100 hours duration for the first time in Delhi University on 1 July 2017. A total number of 122 applications were received and all were given admission. On 2 October 2017, the day of Gandhi-Shastri Jayanti, successful participants were given certificates. Yoga gurus, Dr. Surakshit Goswami and Shri Gopal Krishan were also present at the launch.



Launch of Yoga and Meditation Training Programme

2. **Visit by students of foreign University:** Students from Pennsylvania University visited Gandhi Bhawan on 12 July 2017. They enhanced their knowledge about Mahatma Gandhi, Charkha and Khaddi and were enthusiastic about weaving and spinning. A documentary 'Mahatma' was also screened for the students.



Visit of Pennsylvania University students

3. **Special Talk on 'Self-realization through Yoga':** Geetabhasker Dr. M. L. Chawla, Principal Investigator (Retd.), Pusa, New Delhi delivered the special talk on 'Self-realization through Yoga' on 28 July 2017.



Special Talk on 'Self-realization through Yoga'

4. **Commemoration of the National Handloom Day:** On 4 August 2017, the National Handloom Day in collaboration with the IIS, Ministry of Informational and Broadcasting, Govt. of India was celebrated. Many programmes including a quiz competition on handloom was also organized for the audience. On this occasion, Prof. Pami Dua, Dean Academic Activities and Projects, University of Delhi was the Chief Guest.



Commemoration of National Handloom Day

5. **Khaddi prakshalan pratiyogita:** A competition on Khaddi prakshalan was organized on 7 August 2017. Students of Khaddi prakshalan certificate course being run at Gandhi Bhawan, took part in the competition. The winners of the competition were:

First	-	Ms. Abha Gupta	Second	-	Mr. Harshdev Tomar
Third	-	Ms. Himani	Consolation	-	Mr. Anmol



Khaddi Prakshalan Pratiyogita in progress

6. **Exhibition-cum-Sale counter of Khadi products:** With an aim to promote Khadi and handloom products, an Exhibition-cum-Sale counter of Khadi and handloom products was set-up at Gandhi Bhawan from 8 – 11 August 2017 in collaboration with Khadi Ashram, Kamla Nagar, Delhi. A special discount of 10% was given to the customers.



Exhibition-cum-Sale of Khadi products

7. **Competition on Charkha spinning:** A competition on Charkha Katai was organized on 9 August 2017 at Gandhi Bhawan. Students participated in the competition with great zeal and enthusiasm.

First	-	Ms. Rupa Pal	Second	-	Mr. Harshdev Tomar
Third	-	Mr. Sharat C. Basu	Consolation	-	Mr. Akash
Special Prize	-	Ms. Poonam			



Charkha katai Pratiyogita

8. **'Sankalp se Siddhi':** On 9 August 2017, Prof. Anita Sharma, Director, Gandhi Bhawan along with faculty, students, staff and general public at large took pledge on 'Sankalp se Siddhi' New India Movement (2017-2022). Gandhi Bhawan organized various programmes to commemorate 75th year of 'Quit India Movement' and 70th year of India's Independence.



Pledge taking 'Sankalp se Siddhi' New India Movement (2017-22)

9. **Essay Competition on 'Aatankvaad' by NHRC:** Entries for Essay writing competition were sent to National Human Rights Commission, Govt. of India, New Delhi. The theme of the competition was 'Aatankvaad.'
10. **Celebration of Independence Day:** On 15 August 2017, Independence Day was celebrated with full enthusiasm and patriotic spirit. Students, faculty, staff and neighborhood people joined the programme. On this day, patriotic songs and dance were performed by participants along with other cultural activities, etc. On the same day Janamashtami was also celebrated with bhajans. Sound of bhajans made the environment very pure.



Celebration of Independence Day

11. **Heritage Walk:** Students, faculty and staff come together for a Heritage Walk to British era monuments – Flag staff tower, Choburza Masjid and other protected monuments at Kamla Nehru Ridge (North) on 26 August 2017. The participants were accompanied by the Director, Gandhi Bhawan and Dr. Amrit Kaur Basra, former Deputy Dean, Foreign Students' Registry, University of Delhi and Department of History, Delhi College of Arts and Commerce. Dr. Basra during the visit briefed the participants about the importance of all the monuments and how history was created in 1857. It was indeed a fruitful visit as most of the participants visited the site for the first time.



Heritage Walk

12. **Special Talk on 'Yoga and Meditation'**: A special talk on 'Yoga and Meditation' was delivered by Er. Sudhir Kumar on 28 August 2017.



Special Talk on 'Yoga and Meditation'

13. **Screening of documentary**: A documentary on Mahatma Gandhi was screened on 29 August 2017 to propagate the ideology and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi and his martyrdom for our nation.



Screening of documentary on Mahatma Gandhi

14. **Swachhata Pakhwada (1 - 15 September 2017):** Gandhi Bhawan organized various programmes/ events to spread awareness of and evoke sensitivity to virtues of sanitation and cleanliness to achieve the initiative of Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan. To achieve the stipulated objective, to start with, Prof. Anita Sharma, Director, Gandhi Bhawan along with students and staff cleaned its campus area – peace dome, library, store, overhead tanks, etc. Roadside vendors and general public were briefed about sanitation and cleanliness. Continuing with the programme, later on, surroundings of Gandhi Bhawan – Chhatra Marg, front and adjoining area of Gandhi Bhawan were cleaned. Officials of Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) also joined the activity. Although the Swachhta Pakhwada was for 15 days but Gandhi Bhawan continued it till 2 October 2017.



Swachchata Abhiyaan

15. **Special talk on 'Yog as Life Skill':** A Special Talk on 'Yog as Life Skill' by Dr. Shikha Gupta, Life Skills Trainer, Delhi University was delivered on 11 September 2017.



Special Talk 'Yog as Life Skill'

16. **Celebration of Hindi Divas:** Gandhi Bhawan celebrated 'Hindi Divas' on 14 September 2017. On this day, Prof. Anita Sharma, Director, Gandhi Bhawan, interacted with the students to promote the use of Hindi in our day-to-day life.



Celebration of 'Hindi Divas'

17. **Visit by students of Daulat Ram College:** On 20 September 2017, a visit was paid by the students of Daulat Ram College. They learned the Charkha spinning and Khaddi prakshalan on that day.



Students learning Charkha and Khaddi

18. **Swachhata Abhiyaan at Harijan Sevak Sangh:** On 25 September 2017, in continuation with the Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan programme, students along with staff of Gandhi Bhawan, in collaboration with Harijan Sevak Sangh, Kingsway Camp cleaned the roads, premises, parks, etc. at nearby Dhakka village.



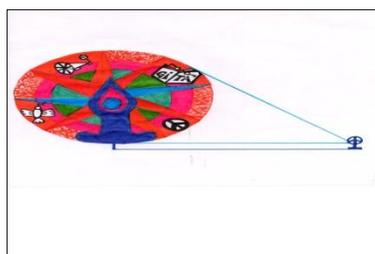
Swachhata Pakhwada

19. **Logo making competition:** A logo making competition was organized with the theme – Gandhi Bhawan and its activities with explanation of idea behind the design, in the month of September 2017. The result of the competition is as follows:

<i>S. No.</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Institution</i>	<i>Result</i>
1.	Akshay Pathak	A.R.S.D. College	First
2.	Gitanjali Sinha Roy	Deptt. of East Asian Studies	Second
3.	Ranjita Kumari	S.O.L., D.U.	Third



First



Second



Third

20. **Celebration of Gandhi-Shastri Jayanti on 2 October 2017:** Gandhi Bhawan celebrated the Gandhi-Shastri Jayanti. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Yogesh Kumar Tyagi delivered the message of peace. Prof. Anita Sharma, Director, Gandhi Bhawan, welcomed the audience and briefed about the programmes. At it first, the Sarv Dharma Prarthana was organized. The week-long event started from 27 September 2017 which includes Learning Charkha and Khaddi, Special Talks, Naturopathy consultancy/ interaction, free legal aid consultancy, demonstration of asanas, Walk to Bapu kutir and Kasturba museum, etc.





Celebration of Gandhi-Shastri Jayanti: 25 September - 2 October 2017

21. **Half-day Workshop on 'Benefits of Charkha Spinning'**: A half-day workshop on 'Benefits of Charkha Spinning' was organized on 6 October 2017. Resource persons, Shri Laxmi Dass, Executive Member, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, Rajghat spoke on 'Charkha aur Chip.' Among others, Dr. Sita Bimbrahw, former faculty, Kamla Nehru College and Mrs. Shaswati Jhalani of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti participated in the programme.



Workshop on 'Benefits of Charkha Spinning'

22. **Charkha Spinning Certificate Course**: Inauguration of Charkha spinning Certificate Course was held on 11 October 2017. This 24-hour/ three months course is being conducted in collaboration with Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, Rajghat, New Delhi. A 12-class each will be held at Gandhi Bhawan and Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat on every Wednesday and Friday.



Charkha Spinning Certificate Course

23. **Special Talk on 'The Science and Power of Yog in Life'**: On 26 October 2017, a special talk on 'Power and Science of Yog in Life' was delivered by Dr. Shikha Gupta, Life Skills Trainer, Delhi University.



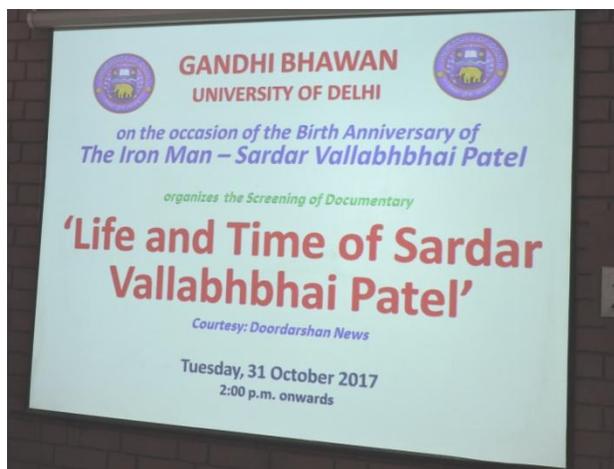
Special Talk on 'Power and Science of Yog in Life'

24. **Visit to Gandhi Darshan and Gandhi Museum, Rajghat**: Students from Gandhi Bhawan visited Gandhi Darshan and Gandhi Museum, Rajghat on 27 September 2017 to see the virtual life of Mahatma Gandhi and his philosophy.



Students visited Gandhi Darshan and Gandhi Museum, Rajghat

25. **Screening of documentary:** A documentary on the Iron Man - Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel 'Life and Time of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel' by Doordarshan News was screened to commemorate his birth anniversary on 31 October 2017.



Screening of documentary 'Life and Time of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel'

Other Programmes/ Activities of Gandhi Bhawan

Computer Training: Gandhi Bhawan is also imparting training of Computers to various students. The classes are being run everyday in two batches from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and again from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Students are being trained in Hindi and English typing skills.

Certificate Course in Charkha Spinning and Training: The classes are being held on every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Duration is 24 hours/ three months.

Yoga and Meditation Training Programme: The classes are being held thrice a week – Monday, Thursday and Saturday from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Presently, second batch is running till December 2017.

Certificate Course in Charkha Spinning and Training in collaboration with Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, Rajghat: The classes are being held on every Wednesday and Friday from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Certificate Course in Khaddi Prakshalan: The classes are being held on every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Duration is 50 hours/ six months.

Legal Aid Clinic: Every Friday from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. This clinic is being run in collaboration with Delhi State Legal Services Authority (DSLISA), Patiala House, New Delhi. They provide legal aid (free services) to the persons in need.

Yoga & Meditation Classes: Monday – Friday: 6:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. On Saturday: 6:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Discourse on Gita: Gita Discourse is being held every Sunday from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. The resource person Swami Satyaswaroopananda ji Maharaj of Ramakrishna Mission, New Delhi deliver the discourses.

Gandhi Study Circle: Programmes/ Events organized by Gandhi Study Circle of different colleges on Gandhian ideology:

- (i) Ram Lal Anand College
- (ii) Bhaskaracharya College
- (iii) Daulat Ram College
- (iv) Satyawati College

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