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Name of the Department/Society: Department of Philosophy

Name of the Event 5: National webinar on Gandhian Philosophy

Date of the Event: 1st October 2021

The Department of Philosophy, Hansraj College under the aegis of IQAC organized an Online National Webinar on 1st October 2021 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on MS Teams. The webinar was organized on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti and to remember important philosophical aspects in Gandhian philosophy. The two eminent speakers for the webinar were **Prof. Bindu Puri**, who is a **professor** of Philosophy at the Centre for Philosophy, **Jawaharlal Nehru University**, and **Dr. Pankaj Basotia**, an **Associate Professor** at **Rajiv Gandhi Government Degree College**, Shimla. The webinar was conducted on an online platform that is MS Teams, which encouraged participants across the nation to join and actively engage in the webinar especially in this tough time. There were around 180 participants who attended the webinar

The webinar started by welcoming the guest speakers and the participants by the Teacher in Charge of the department of philosophy, Hansraj College, and the convener of the webinar, **Dr. Sharma Bhanu Bhupendra**. In her keynote speech, she beautifully explained the need for Gandhian values in today's time and scenario. It was then followed by the introduction of the first speaker Prof. Bindu Puri by the student named Bhumika.

Prof. Puri spoke on the topic “**Gandhi on Satyagraha and Swaraj**” where she talked about the etymological meaning of Satyagraha that originated from two words ‘satya’ and ‘agraha’. It has its basis in Satya or Truth. She also elaborately discussed how satyagraha can be used as a non-violence means to stand against something which is wrong or evil. She mentioned that often satyagraha is equated with passive resistance, which is a wrong conception since Satyagraha is a weapon of the strong, it admits of non-violence under any circumstance whatsoever; and it always insists upon truth. She summed up by discussing the need to revive Gandhian values. After her lecture, there was a question-answer round where participants raised some important issues which were answered by Prof. Puri. Webinar moved further by introducing the next speaker Dr Pankaj Basotia, by another student named Rhytham.

Dr Pankaj Basotia gave a lecture on the topic “**Gandhi's Sources of Inspiration: Western and Indian**”. He took examples of various figures/personalities from India as well West to show their



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contribution in Gandhian Philosophy and values. He also mentioned about the impact of Gandhiji's mother and wife on him. It was then followed by the question answer round.

Both the talks were informative and enlightening. Finally, the webinar was concluded with the formal vote of thanks given by **Ms. Surbhi Uniyal**, guest faculty department of philosophy, Hansraj College. On behalf of the department of philosophy, Hansraj College, she expressed her gratitude to both speakers, Principal ma'am for allowing to conduct the webinar, IQAC for sponsoring the webinar, Convener, Colleagues, organizing team and all the participants for making it a success.

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Prof. Bindu Puri
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Jawaharlal Nehru University
Topic: Gandhi on Satyagraha and Swaraj

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Associate Professor
Rajiv Gandhi Government
Degree College, Shimla
Topic: Gandhi's Sources of Inspiration: Western & Indian

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