

Gandhi Study Circle Events Report 2025-26

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Scholarship, Mentorship and Social Outreach

(i) Scholarship

One of GSC-JDMC's flagship programmes has been to provide financial aid for those who need it most. GSC-JDMC serves as a bridge between charitable organisations desirous of contributing to the educational uplift of students from low-income families, especially underprivileged meritorious girl students at Janki Devi Memorial College.

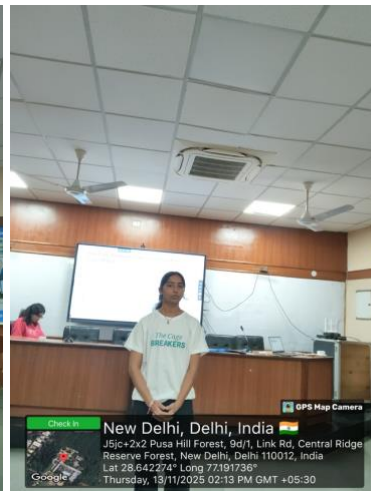
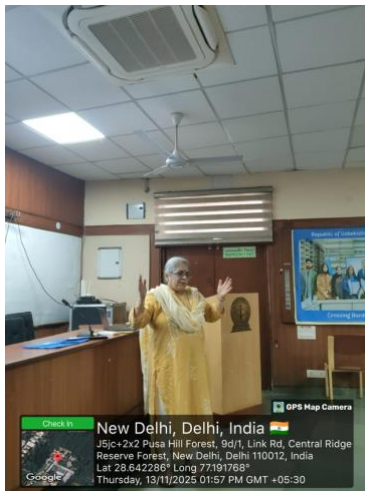
Interviews for the selection of students for MDIP scholarship and mentorship programme were conducted on September 17, 2025. A total of 18 students including 12 new students were given financial support from the ShikshaDaan-My Daughter is Precious Foundation in 2025-26. Interviews for the selection of students for MCKS scholarship were conducted on November 3, 2025. Twenty-five students were selected for the MCKS Vidya Scholarships given out by the MCKS Food for the Hungry Foundation. In all 43 students were granted scholarships for the 2025-26 session.

(ii) MDIP Mentorship

The Mentoring Project is organised in collaboration with GLOW Foundation. GLOW Mentors from corporate backgrounds held monthly meetings with GSC student-mentees and organised life skill sessions to instill confidence and help them make strategic life choices.

An Orientation cum Life Skills Session for MDIP Mentees was held on October 13, 2025 to introduce them to the mentoring programme and their respective mentors and to brief them about their role and responsibilities. The life skill session was conducted by Ms. Nirupama Subramanian, Co-Founder MDIP, Creator of Powerfulife, TedX Speaker, Author and Leadership facilitator on the topic 'How to Become Powerful.'

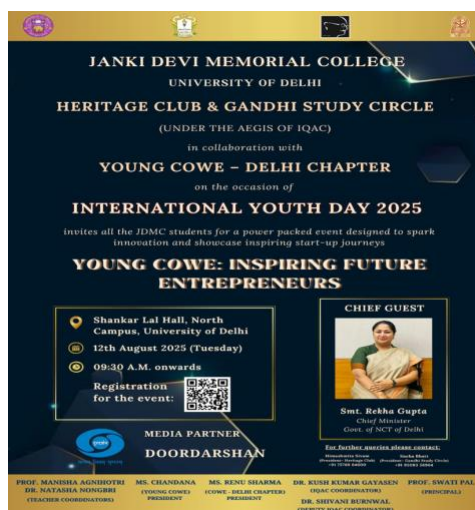
A Life Skill Workshop on Communication Skills was held on November 16, 2025 conducted by Ms Manju Rai, Coach, Trainer, NPL Practitioner.



Events and Activities:

International Youth Day celebration

The Gandhi Study Circle, JDMC along with Heritage Club, JDMC and Young COWE (Confederation of Women Entrepreneurs of India, Delhi Chapter) co-organised a programme to celebrate International Youth Day on August 12, 2025 at Shankar Lal Hall, Delhi University. The theme of the celebration was 'Empowering Youth, Empowering Bharat.' The programme was addressed by a host of dignitaries from Chief Minister Smt Rekha Gupta who sent a recorded message to Shri S.P. Singh Baghel, Minister of State, Central Government, to Ms. Mercy Epao, Joint Secretary, Ministry of MSME to Prof. Raj Kumar Bhatia. The programme saw vibrant participation from students of GSC and Heritage Club who gave a presentation on the entrepreneurial endeavours in JDMC and by students at the college. Young entrepreneurs' inspirational tales, such as those of JDMC alumnae Mrs. Hemlata Varma (founder of Dee Vee Couture), Ms. Garima Manocha, and Ms. Nimisha Singh (founder of Label Nimisha), further enhanced the session. Their tales of ingenuity and tenacity struck a deep chord with the audience. Students were urged by the Guests of Honour to have big dreams and take risks in order to achieve their objectives. Students enthusiastically participated and received insightful advice during a lively Q&A session that kept the spirits high. The event stimulated entrepreneurial interest and nurtured innovation while emphasizing leadership and the power of networking in solving problems. The candid moments, vibrant discussions and real-life cases were inspiring for students eager to take self-employment on the big stage as a risk and reward. The event also encouraged JDMC students to learn more about leadership, innovation and start-ups. In addition to increasing knowledge and confidence, it promoted independence, inventiveness and ambition by drawing on the experiences of young entrepreneurs and the wisdom of dignitaries. It exemplified the spirit of enthusiastic, visionary and unstoppable youth contributing perfectly to the celebration of the International Youth Day.



Inter-College Documentary Making Competition

The Gandhi Study Circle, JDMC organized an online inter-college documentary making competition on the theme 'The Charkha Chronicles: India's Untold Swadeshi Stories.' The online submission deadline was September 15, 2025.



Intra-College Painting Competition

The Gandhi Study Circle, JDMC in collaboration with Kalakriti Art Club, JDMC organized an intra-college painting competition on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti and International Day of Peace and Non-violence on the theme 'Swadeshi Aur Atmanirbhar Bharat' on September 24, 2025. The event aimed to creatively encapsulate ideals of Swadeshi and Atmanirbhar Bharat through art, with participants enthusiastically depicting these themes in diverse forms. Convenors and organisers highlighted the link between art and Gandhian principles of self-reliance. Students engaged vibrantly in the hour-long session. The competition concluded with Falak Singh (History Hons., 1st Year) securing the 1st position, Saloni (B.A. Programme, 2nd Year) winning the 2nd position, and Khushi Pant (B.A. Programme, 2nd Year) attaining the 3rd position. Certificates were provided to all the participants. Additionally, the top three paintings will be showcased at Gandhi Bhawan on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti and the International Day of Peace and Non violence. The event successfully merged creativity with Gandhian philosophy, offering a reflective platform on Swadeshi and Atmanirbhar Bharat values.



Gandhi Jayanti

The Gandhi Study Circle, JDMC, under the aegis of IQAC and the Centre for the Study of Indian Knowledge System, and in collaboration with Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, organized a workshop titled 'Gandhi's Vision for a Better India: From Self-Purification to Self-Rule' on October 8, 2025 to commemorate Gandhi Jayanti. The programme began with the introduction of the Chief Guest, Dr. Vedabhyas Kundu, who was felicitated by Dr. Natasha Nongbri. A lamp-lighting ceremony was held, followed by a melodious rendition of the bhajan 'Vaishnav Jan To' by Sarang, the Music society of JDMC. Dr. Kundu, in his keynote address, spoke on the continuing relevance of Gandhian philosophy in students' lives. He highlighted the impact of spinning the charkha, describing it as a mindful practice that helps in improving concentration. He also discussed the importance of non-violent communication and the path of self-purification, urging students to look inward, work on inner growth, follow their ethical values, and nurture a spirit of care and compassion for others. He further shared practical insights on how to face and overcome failure. An engaging activity followed, where students and teachers were guided in spinning thread on the charkha. Participants experienced first-hand the meditative quality of the exercise, appreciating the importance of mindfulness. The event also featured a Khadi and book exhibition, which added a practical dimension to the seminar.

