

**UGC Sponsored
GANDHIAN STUDY CENTRE(GSC)**

Under the **Scheme of Epoch Making Social Thinkers of India** , the University Grants Commission (UGC) continued the Gandhian Study Centre of Maniben Nanavati Women's College till 31st March 2020. To commemorate the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the College adopted 'Gender Diversity for Peaceful Co-existence' as the Institutional Theme for this academic year. The GSC conducted the following activities during the year to mark the birth anniversary of Gandhiji:

Guest Lectures for the students on Gandhian values and his life:

- *Ms. Sonal Parikh* , the 5th Direct Descendant of Mahatma Gandhi addressed 79 students on 14th August 2019. Her topic was Gan
- *Mr. Kanu Suchak* - 6th September 2019, attended by 39 students.
- *Dr. Frances Vaidya* - 14th September 2019, attended by 87 students.

Intercollege Short Play Competition – Vaishnav Jan Tau:



Based on Mahatma Gandhi's autobiography *My Experiments With Truth*, an intercollege short play Competition was organized in collaboration with NSS on 30th September 2019. *Smt. Sarlaben Mehta* was the Chief Guest. She is the only living eye-witness of Gandhiji's assassination. The Judges for the competition were *Mr. R. S. Vikal & Mr. Shubham Gala*.

Visits and Educational Trip:

On 21st August 2019 & 12th October 2019, 76 Arts students in collaboration with NSS, SARJAN & Foundation course and on 12th October, 2019, 41 Commerce students visited **Mani Bhavan – Gandhi's Mumbai headquarters and museum.**



The Department of Commerce conducted an educational tour to Ahmedabad from 3rd January to 5th January, 2020. 38 students and 3 faculty members visited the Sabarmati Ashram, one of the residences of Mahatma Gandhi where they were familiarized with the life and struggle of Mahatma Gandhi. The students then visited the famous Gujarat Vidyapeeth founded by Mahatma Gandhi. Prof. Nimisha Shukla, Dept of Rural Economics enumerated the importance of Gandhian Thoughts in today's world. A Debate on Man v/s Machine between MNWC and Gujarat Vidyapeeth students was the highlight of this visit.



National Level Conference:

- GSC and the Department of Hindi in collaboration with National Council for Promotion of Sindhi language(New Delhi), organised a National Conference on “Language, Literature and Culture: A Comparative Analysis with Special Reference to Sindhi, Hindi and Marathi Languages.” on 18th September , 2019.



ANVESHAN- the Intercollege Research Poster & Paper Competition:

- ANVESHAN, the Annual Inter-College Research Competition was organised in collaboration with MNWC'S Research Cell & Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (India) on Thursday, 30th January 2020 with students from different colleges presenting their research poster on the topic “Commemorating 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhiji : Gender Diversity for Peaceful Coexistence”.



Celebration of Smt. Maniben Nanavati- Mani Ba's - 116th Birth Anniversary:



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The GSC, IQAC along with the subject of Foundation Course organized two eco-friendly activities- Reuse and Recycle on 28th February 2020. 42 students from Arts, Commerce, BMS, B,Com (AFI) and B. Design- Fashion came together and made 40 cloth bags. The Cloth bags were then distributed to the needy people at the Vile Parle Station in Mumbai.

Students and teachers collected toys in good condition from their homes and neighbourhood and distributed them to the students of C. N. High School, Santacruz West, Mumbai

Gandhi For All Times

The Gandhian Study Centre compiled and published a collection of scholarly papers in a book entitled *Gandhi For All Times* on the doctrine and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi. Under the patronship of Smt. Himadri S. Nanavati- Cirdperson, Managing Committee, MNWC and guidance of Dr. Rajshree Trivedi- Principal, MNWC & Prof. Vibhuti Patel, Director, Advanced Centre for Women's Studies, TISS, the book has been edited by Dr. Rita Patil, Head, Dept of Food & Nutrition, MNWC. Contributors from the fields of Economics, Commerce, Education, Sociology, Management, Food & Nutrition and Literature have revisited the Gandhian doctrine and philosophy in their respective chapters of the book. One of the striking features of the book is the compilation of the copies of "Letters Written by Mahatma Gandhi to Mani Ba." The book also contains a letter written by one of the descendants of Mani Ba reminiscing the childhood days passed by the writer in Mani Ba's austere presence.

