Two Day International Symposium for Action
IS MAHATMA GANDHI POSSIBLE?

Chief Guest and Valedictory Speaker
H.E. Samdhong Rinpochey
Former Prime Minister of the Tibetan Government in Exile

Keynote Speaker
Dr. Ashis Nandy
Renowned Sociologist, Political and Clinical Psychologist

Panel Discussion: Reengaging with Notions of Culture
Panellists
Mr. Ashok Vajpayee (Famous poet in Hindi, Essayist, Literary-cultural critic, Former Chairman of Lalit Kala Akademi)
Dr. Ganesh Devy (Linguist, Literary Scholar and Cultural and Social Activist)
Ms. Mallika Sarabhai (India’s leading Choreographer and Dancer, Co-director of Darpana Academy of Performing Arts, Activist for Societal Education and Women’s Empowerment, Writer and Editor)
Dr. Apoorvanand (Professor, Dept. of Hindi, Delhi University, Literary and Cultural Critic and Social Activist)

Panel Discussion: Economic Growth and Prosperity
Panellists
Dr. Mark Lindley (Professor of Eminence, Mahatma Gandhi Mission, Aurangabad)
Dr. Sudarshan Iyengar (Senior Economist and Former V.C. Gujarat Vidyaapeeth)
Dr. Vibhuti Patel (Professor, Advanced Centre for Women’s Studies, School of Development Studies, TISS, Mumbai)
Mr. Mohan H.H. (Gandhian Activist in Gram Swaraj)

Panel Discussion: Science for People
Panellists
Dr. Milind Watve (Former Professor of Biology IISER, Scientist: Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital and Research Centre, Pune, Former Professor of Biology, IISER, Pune)
Dr. Anil Rajvanshi (Director Nimbkar Agricultural Research Institute NARI, Phaltan)
Dr. Pradeep Sharma (Adviser to Govt. of Chattisgarh for Agriculture and Employment, CEO – Society for Education and other Welfare Activities, SEWA, Bilaspur)
Dr. Ravindra R. P. (Thinker and Columnist on Interface between Science and Society)
Mr. Sajal Kulkarni (Scientist in Biodiversity)

Panel Discussion: Ramrajya, Nation-state and Civil Society
Panellists
Prof. Bhikhu Parekh (Professor of Political Philosophy, Univ. of Westminster, Member of House of Lords, U.K.)
Mr. Sharad Chandra Behar (Educationist, Thinker, Activist and Former Chief Secretary of Govt. of Madhya Pradesh)
Dr. Ramdas Bhatkal (M. D. Popular Prakashan, Writer and Senior Gandhian Scholar)
Dr. M. P. Mathai (Member, Governing Body, Gandhi Peace Foundation, New Delhi)
Dr. Abhinav Chandrachud (Advocate, Bombay High Court)
Registration:
- Registration Fees Rs. 500/- for Academicians/Research Scholars/Others.
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- Payment should be made by Demand Draft drawn in favour of ‘K. C. College’, Mumbai.
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- Online registration is compulsory.
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* VALEDICTORY SPEAKER *

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* KEYNOTE SPEAKER *

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RENNOWNED SOCIOLOGIST, POLITICAL & CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST

DATE
30th and 31st August, 2019

VENUE
Sundri and Rama Watanwali Auditorium (Ground Floor)
Kishinchand Chellaram College, Vidyasagar Principal K. M. Kundnani Chowk, Churchgate, Mumbai 400020

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About H(S)NC Board:
The Hyderabad (Sind) National Collegiate Board (H(S)NC Board) was founded in the year 1921 in an undivided India. The Late Vidyasagar Principal K. M. Kundanani and Late Barrister H. G. Advani, the founding fathers of the Board, fought against the onslaught of the circumstances after partition and established many educational institutions in and around Mumbai. Presently, the Board is running 27 educational institutions of all fields. One of them is Kishinchand Chellaram (K. C.) College.

About K. C. College:
Established in 1954, K. C. is one of the premier institutions affiliated to the University of Mumbai and recognized by Government of Maharashtra. Recipient of the Best College Award, given by University of Mumbai, K.C. has established itself as one of the leading colleges in Mumbai. This fact is well supported by excellent results, both at H.S.C. as well as at the University examinations and the number of laurels won by the students. The Motto of the College is ‘SALVATION THROUGH KNOWLEDGE’.

About the Sewagram Collective:
The Sewagram Collective is a community of individuals - writers, artists, scientists, activists, professionals, media persons and several others who believe in Gandhian Idea of India and have come together to celebrate sesquicentennial birth anniversary of Kasturba and Gandhiji.

About the Department of History:
Department of History, established in 1954 is one of the earliest departments in K.C. College. We have History as a major subject at T.Y.B.A level with six papers. The Department has qualified and experienced teaching staff.

About the Symposium:
In the sesquicentennial birth anniversary year of Gandhi, it is imperative that we closely examine the man and the leader. Gandhi was one of the most influential leaders of the late nineteenth and mid twentieth century. He was highly introspective and expressive – exploring ideas on every aspect of human life be it social, political, economic, cultural, religious or spiritual. He was not a systematic theoretician. He was a man of action. It is difficult to understand Gandhi by merely studying his thoughts. We can understand him better by studying his actions. His thoughts had been evolving till the end of his life and he strived to bring his ideas into practice.

Gandhi lived from the second half of the nineteenth to the first half of the twentieth century - an age in which the world faced huge challenges, many of which are still staring us in the face even today in even more complex forms.

Gandhi’s philosophy is said to be eternal and humanistic. However can Gandhian ideology succeed in finding solutions for the complex world problems of today?

This symposium is a humble effort to explore this thought and see if twentieth century Gandhian philosophy can show mankind the right direction in the twenty first century. In a way it is an attempt to find out whether ‘Mahatma Gandhi is possible?’ in the contemporary age, in the backdrop of huge technological changes, societal divisions, rise of aggressive nationalism in the world and complexities of climate change.

Objectives of the Symposium:
• Critical appraisal of the Gandhian thoughts
• Exploring scope for application of the Gandhian thoughts in the 21st century
• Developing a vision for syncretic, inclusive and sustainable growth and development of human society.

Program:

Day 1 (30th August, 2019)
08:30 am Registration and Breakfast
09:30 am Inauguration-Lighting of lamp
09:35 am Sarvadamsharma Prarthana
09:40 am Welcome Address by Principal Dr. Hemalata K. Bagla
09:50 am Felicitation of guests
09:55 pm Presidential Address by Dr. Kishu Mansukhani
10:05 pm Address by Chief Guest His Eminence Samdhong Rinpoche
10:15 pm Keynote Address by Dr. Ashis Nandy
11:30 am High Tea
11:45 am Session I- Panel Discussion on ‘Reengaging with Notions of Culture’
01:30 pm Lunch Break
02:30 pm Session II- Panel Discussion on ‘Science for People’
04:30 pm High Tea
05:00 pm A Hindi Play ‘Jagdamba’, on the life of Kasturba

Day 2 (31st August, 2019)
09:00 am Breakfast
10:00 am Session III-Panel Discussion on ‘Economic Growth and Prosperity’: Part 1
11:30 pm Tea Break
11:35 pm Session III-Panel Discussion on ‘Economic Growth and Prosperity’: Part 2
01:00 pm Lunch Break
02:00 pm Session IV- Panel Discussion on ‘Ramrajya, Nation-state and Civil Society’: Part 1
03:30 pm Tea Break
03:45 pm Session IV- Panel Discussion on ‘Ramrajya, Nation-state and Civil Society’: Part 2
05:00 pm Valedictory Address by His Eminence Samdhong Rinpoche
06:00 pm Conclusion