

Report on the Seminar: "Gandhi Ji's Vision for a Sustainable Future" at Government Degree College GDC Doda



A seminar on the theme "Gandhi Ji's Vision for a Sustainable Future" was conducted at Government Degree College (GDC), Doda on 25-09-2024. The event aimed to reflect on Mahatma Gandhi's principles and their relevance in addressing the pressing global issues of sustainability, environmental stewardship, and socio-economic equity.

The seminar began with a formal inaugural address by the Principal of GDC Doda Dr. Javid Iqbal Zargar who highlighted the importance of Mahatma Gandhi's ideas in today's world. He emphasized that Gandhiji's vision of self-sufficiency, sustainable practices, and harmonious coexistence with nature are more relevant today than ever before in light of the global environmental crises.

The keynote speaker, Prof. Naz Zargar Convener provided an insightful discourse on Mahatma Gandhi's concept of sustainability. Drawing from Gandhi's advocacy of Sarvodaya (the welfare of all), the speaker emphasized how Gandhi's principles of simplicity, minimalism, and respect for nature align with the modern goals of sustainable development. The speaker stressed Gandhi's belief in non-violence (Ahimsa) as not only a philosophy of life but also a crucial aspect of environmental conservation and protection.

An interactive session was followed by the presentations of eight students allowing participants to share their views regarding Gandhian principles. Mr. Yasar Ahmed stood 1st while Ms. Bandna and Mr. Nadeem Raja secured 2nd and 3rd position respectively. Prof. Falak HOD English, Prof. Anoj and Prof. Sudesh Kumar performed the duties of judges. The audience discussed practical ways to integrate sustainable practices into everyday life, inspired by Gandhi's lifestyle of simplicity and mindful consumption.

The seminar concluded with remarks from the Principal and other distinguished guests, who emphasized the need to revisit and implement Gandhian values in the pursuit of a sustainable future.

Overall, the seminar served as an important reminder of how Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy of non-violence, environmental respect, and sustainable living can be a guiding light for future generations in the quest for ecological balance and social justice.

The seminar was a resounding success, fostering greater understanding among students and faculty of how Gandhi's vision can inspire solutions for current environmental and social challenges. The event encouraged the adoption of sustainable practices, while also sparking a commitment to further research and discussion on the subject. The seminar ended with formal vote of thanks by Prof. Upma Kumari.