

International Seminar on

Mahatma Gandhi and the Quest for a Just Society

Nehru Memorial Museum and Library

31 January—1 February 2008

Programme Schedule

Day 1: 31st January

Registration: 9.00 am - 9.30 am

Inaugural Session: 9.30 am - 11.30 am

New Social Movements and Gandhi

Chair: Professor Mridula Mukherjee, Director, NMML

Aruna Roy, Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan

Nikhil Dey, Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan

Shekhar Singh, National Campaign for People's Right to Information

Tea Break: 11.30 am - 11.45 am

Session I: 11.45 am - 1.15 pm

Theorizing on the Gandhian Struggle

Chair: Sucheta Mahajan, Professor of History, JNU

Bipan Chandra, Emeritus Professor, JNU and Chairman, National Book Trust

Shantha Sinha, Professor of Political Science, University of Hyderabad and

Chairperson, National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights

Lunch: 1.15 pm - 2 pm

Session II: 2 pm - 4 pm

Gandhi in the Classroom

Chair: Visalakshi Menon, Reader in History, Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi

Ahmad Salim Khawaja, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Islamabad, "Gandhi in Pakistani Textbooks"

Rohit Wanchoo, Reader in History, St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi, "Gandhi versus Gandhigiri"

Avijit Pathak, Professor of Sociology, JNU, "Teaching Gandhi"

Tea: 4.00 pm - 4.15 pm

Session III: 4.15 pm - 5.30 pm

Screening of film—*My Life is my Message*

Followed by a discussion with the Director, Samir Banerjee, Gandhian activist

Chair: Salil Misra, Professor of History, IGNOU

Day 2: 1st February

Session I: 9.30 am - 11.15 am

The Idea of a Just Society

Chair: Dipankar Gupta, Professor of Sociology, JNU

Anthony Parel, Professor, University of Calgary, Canada, "Sarvodaya, Swaraj and the Oceanic Circle"

Neera Chandoke, Professor of Political Science, University of Delhi, "The Gandhian Quest for Justice"

Amit Mishra, Lecturer, University of Hyderabad, "Gandhi and Girmitiyas"

Tea Break: 11.15 am - 11.30 am

Session II: 11.30 am - 1.30 pm

Gandhians, Gandhian Movements & Gandhian Institutions

Chair: Niraja Gopal Jayal, Fellow, NMML

Radha Bhatt, Chairperson, Gandhi Peace Foundation, "The Gandhian Way"

Devi Prasad, eminent artist, "Reminiscences of Gandhiji"

Aparna Basu, Retired Professor, University of Delhi, "Abbas and Raihana Tyabji"

Rakesh Batabyal, Assistant Director, Academic Staff College, JNU, "Gandhi and Swaraj"

Chandi Prasad Nanda, Reader, Academic Staff College, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, "Representation of Gandhi in the Literary Tracts of Orissa"

Lunch: 1.30 pm - 2.30 pm

Session III: 2.30 pm - 4.30 pm

Gandhian Ideas

Chair: Aditya Mukherjee, Professor of History, JNU

Taisha Abraham, Reader in English, Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi, "Gandhi and Fanon"

Tadd Graham Fernee, Research Scholar, Centre for Historical Studies, JNU, "Gandhi and the Heritage of Enlightenment: Non-violence, Secularism and Conflict Resolution"

Yogendra Singh, Retired Professor of Sociology, JNU, "Contemporaneity of Gandhian Ideas on Inclusiveness"

L.C. Jain, prominent Gandhian, "Have We Made Gandhi Irrelevant?"