# Indraprastha College for Women University of Delhi

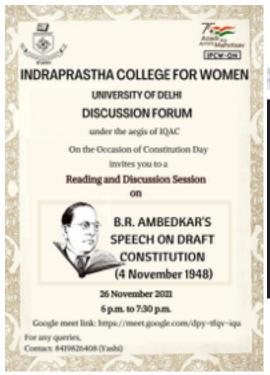
#### **Discussion Forum**

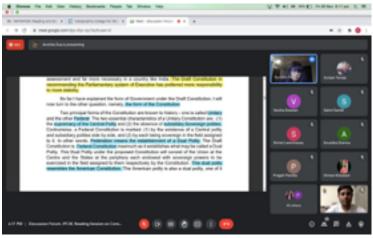
Report of Activities (July 2021-April 2022)

#### Reading and Discussion Session on Dr B R Ambedkar's Speech on the Draft Constitution

Date: 26 November 2021

On the occasion of the Constitution Day on 26 November 2021, the Discussion Forum organised a reading and discussion session on Dr B R Ambedkar's Speech on the draft Constitution. In this important speech, Ambedkar, Drafting Committee Chairman of the Constituent Assembly, formally introduced the draft Constitution. From 4 November 1948 onwards, almost all of the Constituent Assembly debates centred around this Draft and these debates mark the most intense phase of Indian constitution-making. In this speech Ambedkar provided the Constituent Assembly with an overview of India's constitutional architecture, its important features, and principles that informed various provisions. After the reading of this speech, a rich discussion and intellectually stimulating discourse emerged dealing with a range of issues including issues related to constitutional morality and the vision of the founding fathers of Indian republic. This session was attended by 80 students (approx) and was moderated by coordinator of the Discussion Forum, Dr Praveen Dhanda.

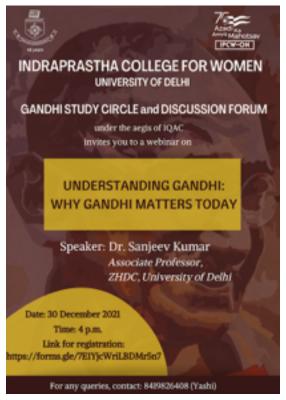


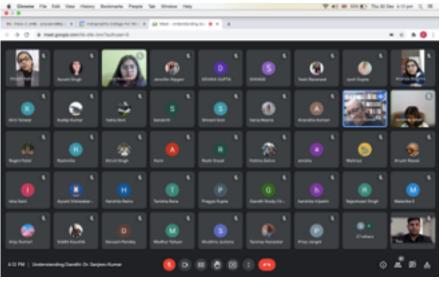


Lecture on 'Understanding Gandhi: Why Gandhi Matters Today'

Date: 30 December 2021

On 30 December 2021 the Discussion Forum, in collaboration with the Gandhi Study Circle, invited Dr Sanjeev Kumar to deliver a lecture on 'Understanding Gandhi: Why Gandhi Matters Today'. In his lecture Dr Kumar, a scholar of Gandhi Studies, spoke about the relevance of Gandhi in contemporary world by drawing upon his recent publication 'Gandhi and the Contemporary World' (Routledge, 2020). In particular the lecture focussed on the continued relevance of non-violence and other Gandhian ideas in contemporary times. The event was attended by almost 90 students.





## Lecture on 'Article 17 and Untouchability's Lifeworld' Date:19 April 2022

Discussion Forum invited Dr Chandrabhan Pratap Yadav, Assistant Professor, Department of History, IPCW, to deliver a lecture followed by discussion on the topic 'Article 17 and Untouchability's Lifeworld' on 19 April 2022 in AV room of the college at 12.30 PM. Dr Yadav contextualised Article 17 of the Constitution of India in the wider social context from historical approach. He also developed his arguments about the 'lifeworld of untouchability' by drawing upon various Dalit autobiographies. The lecture was followed by a lively discussion on the this pertinent topic.





### Lecture on 'Eating is an Agricultural Act'

**Date: 26 April 2022** 

The Discussion Forum, in association with the Gandhi Study Circle, invited Mr Harsh Singh Lohit, natural farmer and author, to deliver a lecture on the topic 'Eating is an Agricultural Act' on 26 April 2022 at 12.30 PM. In his lecture Mr Lohit, who had a distinguished career as a leader in global software industry before he started practicing natural farming, revealed the concealed dots between two realms - the farm, and the plate. He connected food consumption with the way food is grown and how food relates to everything - from environment to health to increasing monopolisation of the food economy under corporate regime. Mr Lohit drew upon his own experience of farming at a traditional and artisanal farm 'Aman Bagh' (<a href="https://amanbagh.org/">https://amanbagh.org/</a>). The lecture was followed by an intensive discussion on a wide range of themes related to food and agriculture.

