



**SRI GURU NANAK DEV KHALSA COLLEGE  
UNIVERSITY OF DELHI**



## *Civil Society*

**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**

*on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti invites you all to a webinar on*

# **BAPU IN CONTEMPORARY TIMES**

## *SPEAKERS*



**Dr. Amarendra Kumar Dubey**  
Former Secretary, Ministry of Coal,  
Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports  
Former Registrar of Delhi University  
Member of CAT, Ahmedabad



**Dr. Chandrachur Singh**  
Associate Professor  
Department of Political Science  
Hindu College, University of Delhi

**Date – October 5, 2020 | Time – 4 pm | Venue – Google Meet**

Link for the event : <https://meet.google.com/sje-kfnm-qkm>

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## WEBINAR REPORT

The Political Science Department under the supervision of Dr. Gopinath Pillai (Convenor of Civil Society), organised a Webinar on 5<sup>th</sup> of October 2020, through the platform of Google Meet. The theme of the webinar was '**Bapu in Contemporary Times**' to commemorate 151<sup>st</sup> birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. Webinar started with the introductory address given by Dr. Pillai, who introduced the topic with Mahatma Gandhi's famous quote, "*I do not want my house to be walled in all sides and my windows to be stuffed. I want the cultures of all the lands to be blown about my house as freely as possible. But I refuse to be blown off my feet by any*". Dr. Pillai argued that this comprehends the entire spirit of today's Webinar. He further emphasised on the challenges being faced by our democracy, due to the crisis in our value system and how character building should be the first step in this direction, and here is where we need to acknowledge the importance of Gandhi. This was followed by introducing the two speakers: Dr Amarendra Kumar Dubey, who had been a distinguished civil servant, the other speaker was Dr Chandrachur Singh (Associate Professor, Hindu College). The introductory address was followed by the keynote address which was given by the head of the department of Political Science, Dr Deepak Sharma. He emphasised on the value of 'truth' which is relative and subjective in nature and how we should be ceaselessly striving towards the same. The first speaker was Dr Dubey, who emphasised on how Gandhi navigated through the freedom struggle with his single most virtue of '*non violence*', which according to him was the most '*potent and far sighted political strategy*'. Dr Dubey referred to various strategies which enabled Gandhi to carry forward the freedom movement in a flexible and target oriented manner. Gandhi redefined leadership by getting legitimacy and acceptance from the informal authority and how he defied the norm through his sheer conduct, which eventually acted as a method for fortifying his style of politics. Dr Dubey was succeeded by Dr Singh who emphasised how Gandhi was also a victim and beneficiary of the policy of British. Gandhian message of '*Daro mat*' should be taken seriously in order to overcome the challenges of modern democracy. The biggest achievement of Gandhi reiterated by him was the legitimacy and validation he got from the civil society domain. Dr Singh concluded on how we can fight our present issues which demand global attention by creating motivators and planking our policy matters on Gandhian principles.

The Webinar was followed by the question-answer session. The Webinar ended with vote of thanks by Political Department's student Manik Singh.

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Sir as the Covid-19 pandemic has destroyed the interlinkages between the global world and the countries, which were interlinked and interdependent and used to see outward for their local needs, have suffered a blow, due to restricted cross-border movement of goods and services.

Sir in this case how is Gandhian philosophy n swadeshi principle relevant for the world?

Plss share feedback form:)

Sangeeta Saxena 5:44 PM  
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Jayashree Pillai 5:52 PM  
 congratulations to the whole team for this wonderful engagement

Garvit Rathore 5:53 PM  
<https://bit.ly/3cqQnoN>

BINEETKAUR A 5:53 PM  
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- GopiNath Pillai
- Tarun Jain
- Jayashree Pillai
- Chandrachud Singhji
- AK Dubey
- BINEETKAUR A
- Deepak Sharma
- Shivani Rai
- Manik Singh
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**bcp19 3294** 4:38 PM  
 what was unique in Gandhi's movements which was not present in other big leader movement that mass people come with him made movement so popular that entirely modern history has written around it?

**psc18 1737** 4:38 PM  
 My question is that, as Gandhi preached Truth as the ultimate aim, in today's world when misinformation & fake news is widespread and the government can manipulate & hide truth easily. So to which institution or organization we the citizens look forward to know the truth, particularly in Indian context.

**Shivani Bhargava** 4:41 PM  
 My question for Dubey sir is that in the context of reinterpretation of Gandhian ideas, how should we view Gandhi's views on women and their position in society, given today's context of Feminism and equality?

**Shujaur Rahman** 4:41 PM  
 To what extent the present ways of protest similar

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