



Press Release

Webinar on Gandhiji Pandemics & Climate Change India

Society for Empowerment has organized webinar on Gandhiji Pandemics & Climate Change India. The programme was presided by Professor emeritus Chairman, Dr. S. Narayan and was inaugurated by Shri Sharad Mohan Renowned International Author.

Dr. A.K.Pandey, Dr. Ram Gulam Razdan, Shri Vijoy Prakash (retd.IAS) , Shri Shyamanad Chaudhary and Dr. Anil Bhandari , Industrialist & social worker Professor M.R. Gangadhar spoke on the occasion.

The poster features a light blue background with a repeating geometric pattern. At the top left is a portrait of Mahatma Gandhi. The title 'Webinar on Gandhiji, Pandemics & Climate Change in India' is centered in bold black text. Below the title, the date and time 'Date: 6th June 2021 Time 6.00 PM TO 8.00 PM IST' are displayed. The poster lists nine participants with their portraits and names: Dr. Ram Gulam Razdan (Pro-Chancellor, Malwanchal University), Vijoy Prakash (IAS (Retd.), Chairman, Bihar Vidyapith), Ravindra Brahme (HOD, Economics, Ranchi, Eastancher University), A.K.Pandey, IAS, Dr. Anil Bhandari (Industrialist & Social Worker), Sharad Mohan (Renowned International Author), Shyamanad Chaudhary (Renowned Scholar), Prof. Emeritus S. Narayan, and Coordinator: CA Ashish Niraj. The Society For Empowerment logo is in the top right corner. At the bottom, it states 'Organised By: Society for Empowerment', 'Live on Facebook and YouTube', and 'Page of Society for Empowerment'.

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Dr. Sachindra Narayan mentioned that Gandhian philosophy of Gramay Swarajya is eco-friendly approach and a way for nature conservations. The Gandhian philosophy relies on self-dependence and use of the eco system around us in a friendly symbiotic way. The desire to use the resources should be as per our need and requirements. The excess what is being produce should be shared among all the fellow citizens. Excess utilization of the resources at individual should be avoided. We should not use more than what is required.

Further, he stated that the Covid 19 has changed our life i.e. our economic activity, social behavior and inter cultural relations. Above all the impact on the climate is enormous. It is observed that every single species in the ecosystem is interconnected and embedded in the web of life. Climate change on the wild ecological reservoirs i.e.

plants, insects and animals are creating a favorable scenario for propagating infections within and among species including humans. All these have brought nature furies.

The economic and social costs of a pandemic like Covid-19 are enormous as can be seen by a huge pressure on healthcare system can be alleviated by promoting the Gandhian promotion on treatment by Naturaopathy, i.e. herbs , alike what is practiced in Ayurveda. The plants used by the rural people and tribes in day to day life and their usefulness in keeping the healthy diet and also raising the immunity system to fight against the disease. One of the Common prevalent tribal medicinal drink is **KADHA**. It is prepared in similar to what generally is prepared in the heartlands but the composition of the Tribal Khadha are more enriched and also provides superior immunity. It has been observed that tribal play any game like Dhhomkuriya is a nature friendly way to celebrate the trust ship values among all of us, which results in conservation of natural resources.

Tribes have many advantages of mud houses, it is cold, keeps the wind flowing, enclosures for animals and the biggest thing is that it is made from the available material around. Painting is very common in the tribal houses. This reflects their live culture. Tribal houses in the global environment are future houses, which adapt to the environment. It is also pertinent to mention here that the soil houses do not remain long-term, but the ease with which it is constructed from natural resources is a sign of continuity of life. The Tribal lifestyle is a Gandhian way of life.

Shri A.K. Pandey said that the Gandhian philosophy of non-violence is a panacea to all natural calamities. He said that when we talk of non-violence then we talk of peace and when we talk of peace then we talk about the conservation of resource, sharing of resource, transfer of resource from the surplus place to scarcity. The non- violence prophecies about self- reliance based on the Gram Swarajya i.e a self reliant India, which is being aspired in New India.

The Global Temperatures is expected to increase by at least 3 degrees Celsius towards the end of the century will have a severe economic, social and environmental consequences. The frequency and intensity of natural disasters is increasing and in last five years were the warmest on record. We have also seen many cyclones in recent times like Amphans etc.

The World Economic Forum's 2020 Global Risks Report considered infectious diseases and pandemics, like Covid-19, as one of the top 10 risks in terms of impact over the next 10 years along with climate change. The dual-threat of Covid-19 and climate change has not only exposed numerous vulnerabilities within our systems, especially in emergency response, governance, early warning, disease forecast, and

public health care, but has also illustrated the need for collective action and a paradigm shift in our approach to manage multiple crises.

As Gandhi has said that his life itself is a preaching for all of us, we should practice Gandhian practices. Gandhi consumes less, i.e. he only wears a dhoti, a wooden chappal, a stick, ate vegetarians food, travelled in economy class, promoted rural artisans products, lived in a Mud houses on the bank of Sabarmati, all these were in his efforts to conserve the environment. Gandhi said that excess produce to be shared among the society.

Shri Sharad Mohan gave his presentation on Gandhi Ji and Climate Change in which he said that the fight against climate change is much larger than just renewable energy and greater energy efficiency. It involves a virtual overhaul of our lifestyle, whether it be smarter cities, mass transportation, sustainable agriculture, or water usage. Further, these are today integral elements of the Government's larger strategy to combat climate change. Whether it is Swachh Bharat (Clean India), Beti Padhao Beti Bachao (Educate and empower your daughter), Ayushman Bharat (Healthy India), Jan Dhan Yojana (Financial inclusion), Namami Gange (Clean rivers), Smart Cities, Digital India, Skill India and Startup India. All are geared to the lifestyle change eventually benefitting the environment.

It was observed that the death toll of the 1918–19 Spanish flu in India was immense, it received little critical attention at the time by either the British authorities or Indian nationalists, or later by historians of Indian politics. Strangely, this was also the case with Mohandas Gandhi who had a penchant for making health-related statements and working as a carer of the sick. His reaction to the illness and death around him has been characterized as one of disinterest. His letters and utterances at this time give some clues as to why he may have been numb to what was transpiring around him. We know that the influenza pandemic of 1918–19, commonly referred to as the Spanish flu, caused tens of millions of deaths around the world and possibly close to 20 million in India, the worst hit country (Barry 2004: 365). Oddly, especially as so much has been written about the massacres around the partition of British India in which approximately half a million people died, the impact of the epidemic on the subcontinent has received relatively little attention from historians (Arnold 2019).

In the present context in the American context he said that the President Biden Sets 2030 Greenhouse Gas Pollution Reduction Target Aimed at Creating Good-Paying Union Jobs and Securing U.S. Leadership on Clean Energy Technologies. The United States has set a goal to reach 100 percent carbon pollution-free electricity by 2035.

- He suggested some of the things USA can do are as below:
- The United States can create good-paying jobs and cut emissions and energy costs for families by supporting efficiency upgrades and electrification in buildings

through support for job-creating retrofit programs and sustainable affordable housing, wider use of heat pumps and induction stoves, and adoption of modern energy codes for new buildings.

- The United States will also invest in new technologies to reduce emissions associated with construction, including for high-performance electrified buildings.
- The United States can reduce carbon pollution from the transportation sector by reducing tailpipe emissions and boosting the efficiency of cars and trucks.
- The United States can reduce emissions from forests and agriculture and enhance carbon sinks through a range of programs and measures including nature-based solutions for ecosystems ranging from our forests and agricultural soils to our rivers and coasts.
- Ocean-based solutions can also contribute towards reducing U.S. emissions.
- The United States can address carbon pollution from industrial processes by supporting carbon capture as well as new sources of hydrogen – produced from renewable energy, nuclear energy, or waste – to power industrial facilities.
- The United States will also reduce non-CO₂ greenhouse gases, including methane, hydrofluorocarbons and other potent short-lived climate pollutants. Reducing these pollutants delivers fast climate benefits.
- In addition, the United States will invest in innovation to improve and broaden the set of solutions as a critical complement to deploying the affordable, reliable, and resilient clean technologies and infrastructure available today.
- Regarding Corona, Biden govt has asked its agencies to find out the source of the COVID19 within 90 days! Post the finding what action it will take will be an interesting time for the world.

In the webinar the poem of the Gurudev Rabindra Nath Tagore was recited which promoted for conservation of soil , air, forest and people and above all value of Swachta in our lifestyle.

देश की माटी देश का जल
हवा देश की देश के फल
सरस बनें प्रभु सरस बने
देश के घर और देश के घाट
देश के वन और देश के बाट
सरल बनें प्रभु सरल बनें प्रभु
देश के तन और देश के मन
देश के घर के भाई-बहन
विमल बनें प्रभु विमल बनें

The webnair was coordinated with Shri CA Ashish Niraj.

The webnair ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

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