

Bharati College Students Turn up to support global climate protest

Pratyusha and Snigdha

The Journalism Department of Bharati College, Delhi University, in collaboration with the Student Union and NSS organised a paperless and plastic-free Climate Change Awareness Rally on Monday. The procession started at 11 am from Bharati College, saw about hundreds of students from various departments of the college marching to the C4E market in Janakpuri. The address by the Principal, Dr Mukti Sanyal, before the 2 hour long march underpinned the demonstration.

Students painted their faces and used the clatter of utensils to grab eyeballs. Slogans like "You break, you buy, you pollute, you die", "there is no earth B", were chanted energetically as the crowd made their way into the busy street.

Teachers showed similar gusto and called for immediate action against the vulnerable state of the planet. It also mobilised support from students of neighbouring colleges and passers-by. In the wake of the catastrophic climate change, the journalism students decided that a rally in black attire and



Students protesting on streets

pollution masks would help them make a point, that action for climate justice is needed urgently. The highlight of the movement was that no wastage of paper or any other resources were done for the rally. About 180 countries took part in the Global Climate Strike from September 20-27, of which India was also a part. Several rallies and awareness campaigns took place in the capital and this was yet another attempt to evoke people and the administration about the gravity of the situation. "We are in the beginning of a mass extinction and all you can talk about is money and

fairy tales of eternal economic growth. How dare you?", urged 16-year-old Greta Thunberg, at the United Nations Climate Summit. She blamed the capitalist leaders for stealing her childhood. The upcoming climate change related litigations, rallies, protests, along with steps on a personal level will help to bring the justice to the needs of the planet, ;It is way past time to realise that in our day to day actions we produce enormous amounts of carbon, that prevail inside the atmosphere for a really long time, resulting in increasing of the global temperature. We need the governments and the industries to take responsibility to reduce the carbon emissions,a participant of the rally pointed out. The politically powerful from countries with massive carbon discharge are imposing that they are doing enough to stop the inevitable climate change. However, figures and evidences show otherwise. A combined effort from the citizens, the governments, the corporate industrial sector is much needed to fight the exploitation planet earth has been subjected to.

Stories of The Sky by 19-year old Astronaut

Varsha and Utkarsha

Aryan Mishra, a 19 -year-old astronomer, son of a newspaper seller, and student from New Delhi was invited by Chintan- Debating Society on 4th October for live talk on "Stories of The sky".

Aryan, an amateur astronomer and asteroid discov-

space and astronomy. The audience was awestruck with the fact that looking at the stars is a look back in time. With his talk students got to know about many difficulties that astronauts face during their long work hours.

Later, he gave some talk on his research. In 2014, he and Keerti Vardhan, another student, discovered a near-Earth asteroid during a nationwide asteroid search campaign. This research was conducted globally by the IASC (International Astronomical Search Collaboration) and in India by SPACE, which works towards astronomy and popularization of science in India and provides training to students and amateur astronomers for asteroid hunting.

His discovery has been designated as 2014 00372 and is soon to be made a part of the world's minor body catalogue maintained by the International Astronomical Union in Paris.

He also mentioned that his role model is late astronaut Kalpana Chawla. And From her he learnt how to be passionate and determined but also how to be a good human being. And now Aryan Mishra is role model of many students all over the world.



Aryan Mishra during live talk. Photo: Varsha Jha

erer is busy in studying and teaching from last 8 years. He has managed to achieve a lot at an extremely young age. At an age when most of us are confused, Aryan is busy scaling the night sky, discovering asteroids and giving inspirational talks across the world. Aryan started the live talk by giving some shocking and amazing facts about the

DU students protest against construction of high rise building

Meghna

Delhi University students protested against the construction of a high-rise building at North Campus. It suspected the construction to be a security risk, mainly to the women on campus. The protest was called by Kirori Mal College and Miranda House students' union, and a large number of students participated in the protest. The building will be constructed adjacent to Vishwavidyalaya metro station, near gate number 3 and 4.

The President of Miranda House said, "The building would pose a security risk to the students on the campus if it were to come up". She added, "The land could be used to build hostels for students instead". According to a representative of the Miranda House Students' Union, the building will overlook six girls' hostels, which is an "invasion of privacy".

A student stated that the builder should have held discussions with the Delhi University administration, the teachers' association or the students' union before begin-

ning construction.

The students said that they will reach out to other colleges on the campus for support. According to the faculty members, the land was acquired by the state government for construction of the metro station. Subsequently, the DMRC sold two-thirds of this land by granting a perpetual lease to a private builder in the guise of property development and by changing the land use from "public and semi-public facility to residential".

Rishi Raj, the president of the KMC union said, "There is already so much congestion in the area. Another residential building will only add to the woes of the students and chaos here. Since this tall building was coming up near the university, we thought it was important to speak up."

On the same lines, to seek the legal response regarding the construction of the building ,the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) authorities said that the organization has followed all the relevant procedures and approvals required regarding the issue.

Today's Anchor

Green Crackers & Protest against climate change, not enough!

Utkarsha

Union Minister Harshvardhan announced Green crackers ahead of this Diwali, with 30% less emission will now be available in the market. The scientists informed that buyers should lookout for a green logo as well as a Quick Response (QR) coding system, which have been developed for differentiation of green crackers from conventional crackers. Sadhana Rayalu, chief scientist and head of environmental materials division, CSIR-NEERI said that, "The green crackers will be available at a cheaper price. It will not be more than the existing ones." Yet, the concerns are higher as green crackers are available only in 4 varieties, phuljhadi, sutli, anaar and chakri. Supreme Court on Dussehra ordered Ramleela Committies to use green crackers only and not to use the ordinary one. But, green crackers were not available

in the market so, either they used ordinary crackers or burnt Ravana Egiffy without crackers and created the sound of cracker bursting through sound systems. Therefore, Government needs to take care of availability of green crackers in



the market. Even Supreme Court given the directions on the use of only green crackers on Diwali, but people could hardly find these crackers in the market. Anxious about their future on a hotter planet and angry at world leaders for failing to arrest the crisis, masses of young people poured into the streets on every continent on Friday for a day of global cli-

mate protests. Organizers estimated the turnout to be around four million in thousands of cities and towns

Therefore the September 2019 was global month for the world because a series of international strikes and protests took place from 20-27 September. The protest The protests took place across 4,500 locations in 150 countries. The event is a part of the school strike for climate movement, inspired by Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg. Bharati college also actively participated in this series of strikes and protests. Department of Journalism organized a rally for climate change and the students of all the departments were free to participate. The students actively participated followed by the faculty of the college. But it seems there is no impact on the students, they are throwing garbage around. A lot of work still needs to be done.

Reality Check: Looking into the washrooms of Bharati college

Yukta and Pallak
The condition of college washrooms have always been a topic that has been raised time and again by students and has successfully been a part of the manifestos of the candidates standing up for college electoral posts, but no one has been able to curb this problem once and for all. Health and hygiene is the basic necessity that should be a part of any educational institution as the proverb goes "A healthy mind resides inside a healthy body".



Basin without tap in washroom. Photo: Yukta
ing to get the sanitation into place by contacting their representatives to which, Aprajita, Vice President of the BCSU said, " The union has submitted the applications for the cleaning of toilets keeping in mind the promises that were made by the candidates in the elections".

"We have also issued the posters for the conservation of water and more steps in this direction will be taken after the oath ceremony and allotment of the union room". While all this still stands to be worked upon, there is a larger need for immediate actions to be taken in this direction as such a situation is undesirable

Women Development Cell organizes Workshop on safe sex

Srashti
Sexually transmitted disease is a growing problem for college students. To address this

Design and she has received a Bronze medal from the Department of Science & Technology, Govt of India, as part



Members of Women Development cell with Ms. Swarnima.
Photo by: Srashti

problem, a workshop on "safe sex and vaginal health" was organized by Jagriti - The Women Development Cell of Bharati College, DU, on 16th October. Cell's first event of session 2019-20 witnessed an audience of around 150 students. The workshop was aimed at increasing college students' self-efficacy or belief in their own ability to act successfully to prevent HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. The workshop was headed by Ms. Swarnima, the founder of Theatre and the recipient of the first "Rising Star Award" for Women-Centered

of WEE Foundation. She started the workshop with PCOS (polycystic ovary syndrome) as 1 in 5 Indian women suffers from it and she emphasized the need for right-spaced information. She talked about types of contraceptive pills and their usage.

"Everyone should undergo Pap-smear test ", said Ms.Swarnima on explaining the Pap test and it's importance. She added, "condoms are most effective in preventing both STDs (sexually transmitted diseases) and pregnancy". Many students put forward their queries in the session..

for the health of the students as well as for the reputation of a national university-affiliated college.

"Washrooms of the old building are in a very bad condition, none of the basins of ground floor washroom has water supply, we can't even wash our hands, also the latch of the first washroom is broken from the very first day of my college but it has not been repaired yet", a first-year studeny of B Com said. Anusha, a 3rd-year student of BA Hons English remarks, "I usually don't prefer to use the washrooms in the college because they are always smelly and unclear. When I do use the washrooms, I usually pick the ones in the new building or the one on the second floor. But even those are so unclear, it's quite risky to use them as I am worried about the unhygienic conditions I am subjecting myself to".

With the college making improvements in almost all directions from academic to nonacademic wings, the health, and sanitation stand to be the most vital element that requires immediate redressal. There is a need for authorities to check into the lacunae in the process that is leading to this mismanagement.

Demand for Maithili to be taught as subject in DU

Manju
Teachers at Delhi University (DU) raised a demand to include one more language to the Department of MIL (Modern Indian Languages), Delhi University. The Department of Modern Indian Languages and literary studies was established in the year 1961 and currently offers various courses in 11 MILs that include Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Kannada, Tamil, and Telugu. The introduction of Maithili language in the schools of Delhi has increased the demand of the Maithili language at the varsity. On 21st September 2019, a section of DU teachers raised this to the concerned department.

Professor Rajiv Kumar Verma also said, "There are so many Maithili-speaking students at the university. We keep on receiving requests from students to be able to opt for the language as a subject. Therefore, the language should be introduced in the university".

Rajesh Jha, a member of the university's executive council, said, "Maithili is spoken in areas of eastern Uttar Pradesh (UP) and Bihar. This year, around 50,000 students had applied from UP and 15,120 from Bihar for admission in DU."

Inside Bill’s Brain: Decoding Bill Gates”.

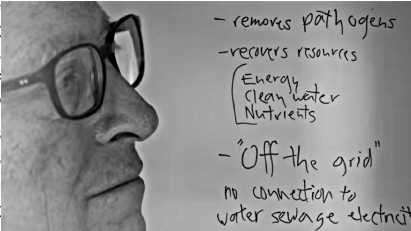
Varsha
Netflix has released a three-part documentary series about Microsoft founder Bill Gates, titled "Inside Bill's Brain: Decoding Bill Gates". The series will recap some of the greatest achievements of Bill Gates' life, as well as offer an insight into the issues that preoccupy him these days, such as "Energy, climate change and disease eradication."

Davis Guggenheim's three-part documentary speaks to its subject's opacity. What makes one of the world's wealthiest people tick? What formed him? How did he come to dominate a fiercely competitive industry so thoroughly that the US government sued Microsoft under antitrust statutes? The documentary does a particularly good job of covering Bill's childhood and teenage years, where the seeds of his future success were sown. There are many curious snippets that stimulate your imagination of who Bill really is: that he was a perpetually happy toddler, that he was fearless (cycling down the hill with reckless abandon), that he was a rebellious teenager who thought his parents' au-

thority was 'arbitrary'. It's not hard to connect these early aspects of his personality to adult Bill's more noteworthy or controversial actions.

After stepping down as CEO of Microsoft, he shifted his time and considerable intellect toward solving some of the world's most persistent problems. The series is in-depth and unfiltered in its depiction of a man's life journey, both his triumphs and setbacks offers unprecedented access to Gates as he pursues unique solutions to some of the world's most complex problems with the same level of optimism, curiosity, and fervor that inspired his original vision for Microsoft.

The series highlight Gates' ability to 'look at problems from different angles' and find solutions to problems that others haven't even identified yet. "We're running out of time," Gates warns in the series. The viewers may be disappointed as the title promises much more than rather what is Inside Bill's Brain since it is more about his charity work, not about his life, personality, or beliefs.



Screenshot of web series, Bill Gates

Capsule

Yukta Agrawal

India, China talk on education, recognising degrees

India and China are discussing an agreement on mutual recognition of degrees and exchange of faculty, an official statement said, as education officials from the two countries met for the first time under a new bilateral mechanism.

Delhi's air quality worsens, reaches to 'poor' category

With the commencement of stubble burning season, the air quality in Delhi has begun to deteriorate. On October 14, Delhi's air quality was recorded "poor" with AQI crossing the 235 points in several areas. On Sunday, Anand Vihar was recorded with 'very poor' air with AQI going beyond 300 mark.

Postpaid mobile services restored without internet in Kashmir

After 72 days of lockdown, post-paid mobile phone services have been resumed on the state-run BSNL network in the Kashmir. The J&K government announced that 40 lakh postpaid mobile phones will be active from Monday.

Indian-American Abhijit Banerjee wins Nobel Prize in Economics

On Monday Indian-origin Abhijit Banerjee, his wife Esther Duflo and Michael Kremer jointly won the 2019 Nobel Prize in Economics "for their experimental approach to alleviating global poverty."

Saurabh Ganguly to take guard as new BCCI chief

Former Indian cricket team captain is set to be elected as the new president of Board of Cricket Council in India unopposed as he was the only candidate who filed his nomination for the post on Monday.

India ranks down to 102 in Global Hunger Report

Slipping from its 95 position in 2018, India's rank in Global Hunger Report 2019 of 117 countries dropped to 102 position, which is considered to be in the 'serious' category.

SC reserves order on Ram Mandir land dispute

A five-judge Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi reserved the judgement in the controversial Ayodhya land dispute case after 40 days of hearing. A written note is to be submitted in the next three days

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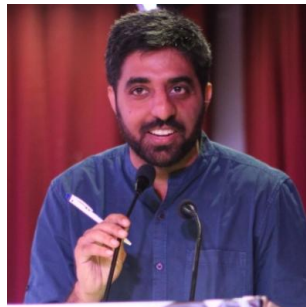


When professors and students were asked about “how ‘Gandhigiri’ is still present in their life?”, here’s what they said...



“Gandhi's 'My Experiments with Truth' was kind of a guide for me in childhood. Like Gandhi, I have firm belief in truth. And I also try to follow what I believe, as he did. His determination and will power is an inspiration for me. Like him, I am an idealist.”

Inderjeet Singh
Assistant Professor
Department of Journalism



“Gandhigiri is not just about small actions but big thoughts. In my opinion, Gandhi always tried to find a middle way, an option which leads to reconciliation and that's what I try to do in my life: not tilting towards any extreme and keeping the basic human values intact.”

Namit Hans
Assistant Professor
Department of Journalism



“Idea of becoming ‘Mahatma’ would be self-reflexive about your personality and accepting your social identity making you unique in your own way. Taking full responsibility of your choices in your life. Auto biography of Mahatma Gandhi is a clear representation and reflection of his life with acceptance of his faults. It's easy to write positive things about you but challenging your own self is hard to depict.”

Bhawna Shivan
Assistant Professor
Department of Sociology

“You must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is an ocean; if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean does not become dirty.”

“If I were a dictator, religion and state would be separate. I swear by my religion. I will die for it. But it is my personal affair. The state has nothing to do with it. If I were a dictator, religion and state would be separate. I swear by my religion. I will die for it. But it is my personal affair. The state has nothing to do with it.”

“The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong.”



“The Gandhi's traits that I admire and look up to are perseverance and simplicity. Both help towards sustainable living amidst clutter and chaos. I hold his principles of peace and love in high esteem and follow the same, which also act as recipe for prosperous life in the face of adversity.”

Kunal Anand
Assistant Professor
Department of Journalism

“Democracy necessarily means a conflict of will and ideas, involving sometimes a war to the knife between different ideas.”



“Gandhigiri is a part of my conscience as I think about the futility of violence and the need to make the person reflect and realize, rather than to just “punish”. Violence begets violence, believed a man who refused to cower down to communal hatred and faced the gun of fundamentalism with bravery.”

Devika Mittal
Assistant Professor
Department of Sociology



“For me 'Gandhigiri' stands for 'pluralism'. Gandhi's brand of nationalism didn't hint at hating 'the other' but assimilating and accommodating everyone. His social activism was centred on impartiality and inclusion - the principles that we are in dire need of across the world. Gandhi is not just a person, he is an ideology which can never be shot down, it will only shoot up in times of unrest.”

Nazish Khan
Assistant Professor
Department of Journalism

“Freedom is not worth having if it does not include the freedom to make mistakes.”

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“The Gandhigiri of my life, it is hard to apologize for our own mistakes or when we hurt someone, but when I realize that I am wrong somewhere or I have hurt someone, so I go and talk to that person, discuss the whole thing and at last I apologize for the same.”

**Priyanka Bairwa, Student
BA Hons Journalism
Bharati College**



“I have tried to emulate Gandhi, by not getting intimidated by anyone's view. Whenever there is an argument, I try to listen to people and their perspective without shutting them.”

**Rohit Shukla, Student
Journalism
Delhi School of Journalism**



“Before the launch of Swachh Bharat mission in India, I used to throw the rappers, packets and cans on the streets or roads. But after the mission was launched, I saw a change in myself. I tried my best not to throw the rappers, packets and cans on the roads. I started throwing them inside the dustbin only. This is my Gandhigiri.”

**Utkarsha, Student
BA Hons Journalism
Bharati College**

“Strength does not come from physical capacity. It comes from an indomitable will.”

“The rich cannot accumulate wealth without the cooperation of the poor in society”



“After seeing the extreme level of failure and betrayal in personal relations and professional life. I was suffering from mental turmoil and I was not able to accept the reality. Sometimes I even used to console myself. May be it happened by mistake or some misunderstanding but after a period of time, I got a sense of stability in thought by self - introspection. So I try to maintain distance from such people as we all usually do by the ignorance or not bothering about them. But one thing that has always pinched me in this time period is that, if a person changes because of hatred of closest ones, then why the individual can't approach love and affection to bring emotional stability for the upset one by giving love? They will eventually regret what they did. It means that non- violence can achieve things which can't be achieved by violence. So, “Essence of affection can change the heart rather than hatred”.”

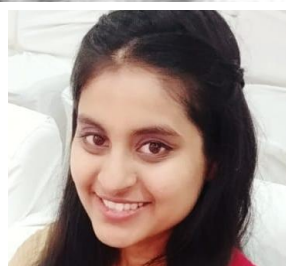
**Alka Tiwari, Student
BA Hons Sociology
Bharati College**

“Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's need, but not every man's greed.”



“Gandhi ji always believed that “An eye for an eye only ends up making the whole world blind” and I too believe in this. I don't fight for every normal mistake. Rather than taking revenge, I try to understand others forgive for their mistake and give them a chance.”

**Varsha Jha, Student
BA Hons Journalism
Bharati College**



“One of the Gandhigiri in me is Mahatma's philosophy of 'Cleanliness is next to Godliness'. I make sure neither people around me dirty their surroundings nor I. Specially while travelling and at public places.”

**Srashti Goel, Student
BA Hons Journalism
Bharati College**



“I firmly believe that the action (doing) resembles the truest form of God and the conscious (soul) is the origin of that God which is somewhat another way of describing the Gandhian ultimate truth of life. At one point of my life, I was struck down by overbearing and cunning words but I followed the Mahatma, went through his path, and allowed others to see that I do have kind and generous nature putting my action and my conscious parallel to each other. It took time but everyone around me understood that I can never inflict misery and pain to someone intentionally. They understood the meaning of mistake and I was able to create a crystal picture of myself without bringing any collateral damage to any parties being involved.”

**Ashutosh, Student
BJMC
Vidya Institute of Fashion Technology**

“Power is of two kinds. One is obtained by the fear of punishment and the other by acts of love. Power based on love is a thousand times more effective and permanent than the one derived from fear of punishment.”