



Gandhi Research Foundation

GANDHI JAYANTI CELEBRATIONS - 2013

Tuesday the 1st of October

Dialogue - Realities and Challenges of Today : What Shall We Do?

11.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Wednesday the 2nd of October

• **Vishwa Ahimsa Rally**

7.30 a.m. to 9.50 a.m.

• **Drawing Competition**

10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

• **Charkha Jayanti Sammelan**

3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

• **GRF Lecture Series - III – Gandhi and the Human Crisis**

4.00 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.



Dear friends!

Gandhi Research Foundation is celebrating Babu's 144th birthday with five diversely important programmes; a dialogue with college students, Vishwa Ahimsa Rally, Drawing Competition, Charkha Jayanti Sammelan and the GRF Lecture Series - III Lecture.

His Excellency the Governor of Maharashtra Shri K. Sankaranarayanan, will deliver the special address at the Charkha Jayanti Sammelan. Prof. (Dr.) Michael Nagler will deliver the third GRF lecture; he, along with Shri Mel Duncan, noted Gandhian activist, will hold a dialogue with students of Jalgaon. Four other distinguished guests from the U.S.A., who are working in the area of peace and nonviolent conflict resolution, will actively participate in all the programmes.

Gandhi Research Foundation heartily welcomes you on this happy occasion. We look forward to your co-operation in spreading Babu's ideals.

Justice C. S. Dharmadhikari

Chairman

Bhavarlal H. Jain

Founder

Prof. M. P. Mathai

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Dialogue - Realities and Challenges of Today : What Shall We Do?

Tuesday, the 1st of October 2013; 11.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Venue: GRF Auditorium, Gandhi Teerth, Jain Hills.

Students of Jalgaon
in discussion with
Prof. (Dr.) Michael Nagler
and
Shri Mel Duncan

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| 11.00 a.m. to 11.05 a.m. | Bhajan | GRF Associates |
| 11.05 a.m. to 11.15 a.m. | Welcome and Introduction | Prof. M. P. Mathai |
| 11.15 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. | Presentation I | Prof. (Dr.) Michael Nagler |
| 12.00 p.m. to 1.00 p.m. | Interaction | Participants |
| 1.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. | Lunch Break | |
| 2.00 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. | Songs | Students |
| 2.30 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. | Presentation II | Shri Mel Duncan |
| 3.00 p.m. to 4.15 p.m. | Interaction and Evaluatory Comments | Participants |
| 4.15 p.m. to 4.25 p.m. | Concluding Remarks | Shri Bhavarlal H. Jain |
| 4.25 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. | Vote of Thanks | Dr. Yogendra Yadav |
| | National Anthem | |

Vishwa Ahimsa Rally and Drawing Competition

Wednesday, the 2nd of October 2013; 7.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

Venue: Mahatma Gandhi Garden, Jalgaon.

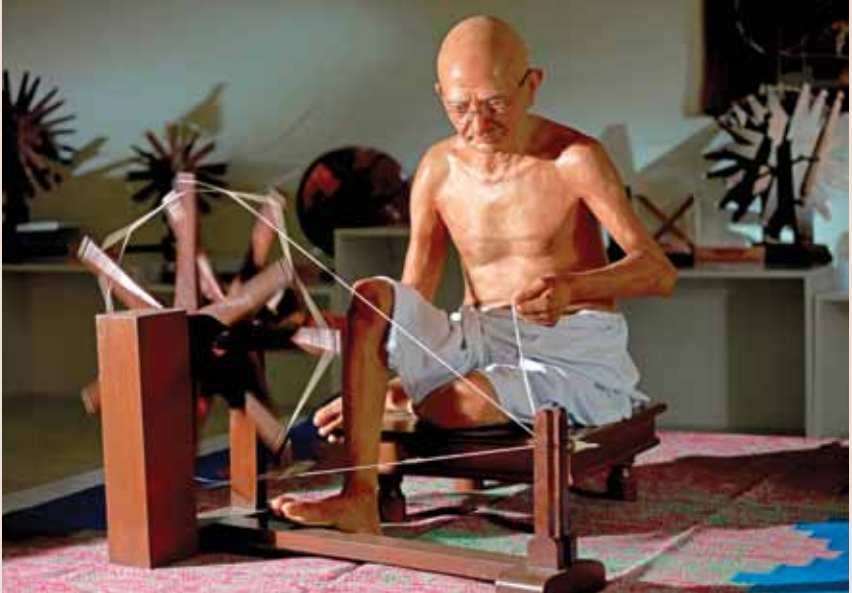
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| 7.30 a.m. to 7.35 a.m. | Flagging off Vishwa Ahimsa Rally |
| 7.35 a.m. to 8.15 a.m. | Rally from Nehru Chowk to Mahatma Gandhi Garden |
| 8.15 a.m. to 8.20 a.m. | Arrival of chief guest and rally participants |
| 8.20 a.m. to 8.25 a.m. | Deep Prajwalan |
| 8.25 a.m. to 8.35 a.m. | Sarva Dharma Prathana and Bhajan |
| 8.35 a.m. to 8.40 a.m. | Welcome Speech |
| 8.40 a.m. to 8.45 a.m. | Garlanding the Guests |
| 8.45 a.m. to 8.50 a.m. | Vishwa Ahimsa Oath |
| 8.50 a.m. to 9.10 a.m. | Address by Shri Mel Duncan |
| 9.10 a.m. to 9.25 a.m. | Blessings by Justice C. S. Dharmadhikari |
| 9.25 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. | Inauguration of Drawing Competition |
| 9.30 a.m. to 9.35 a.m. | Vote of Thanks |
| 9.35 a.m. to 9.50 a.m. | National Anthem |
| 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. | Drawing Competition |

Charkha Jayanti Sammelan

Wednesday, the 2nd of October 2013; 3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Venue: GRF Auditorium, Gandhi Teerth, Jain Hills.

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| 3.00 p.m. | Deep Prajwalan | |
| 3.05 p.m. to 3.10 p.m. | Bhajan | Students of Anubhuti English Medium School |
| 3.10 p.m. to 3.15 p.m. | Welcome | Prof. M. P. Mathai |
| 3.15 p.m. to 3.20 p.m. | Garlanding the guests and presentation of mementoes | Shri Dalichand Jain |
| 3.20 p.m. to 3.35 p.m. | Presidential Remarks | Justice Chandrasekhar Dharmadhikari |
| 3.35 p.m. | Special Address | His Excellency Shri K. Sankaranarayanan, the Governor of Maharashtra |
| | Vote of Thanks | Shri Bhavarlal H. Jain |
| | National Anthem | |



Invitation Card is mandatory for attending the function. Request co-operate.

GRF Lecture Series - III

Gandhi and the Human Crisis

Wednesday, the 2nd of October 2013, 4.00 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.

Venue: GRF Auditorium, Gandhi Teerth, Jain Hills.

As part of its mission to disseminate Gandhi's ideas and ideals, Gandhi Research Foundation has conceived of the annual GRF Lecture Series. The lectures are reserved for outstanding Gandhi scholars from abroad.

The first lecture in the series was delivered on 25th March, 2012 by Dr. A. T. Ariyaratne, Founder and President of the Sarvodaya Shramadana Movement in Sri Lanka on the topic '**Gandhian Inspiration : Buddhist Philosophy**'

The second lecture in the series was delivered 15th August 2013 by the distinguished Gandhi scholar and author, **Prof. Douglas Allen**, of the University of Maine, Orono, Maine, U.S.A., on the topic, '**Mahatma Gandhi's Values and Significance : 15th August 1947 and 15th August 2013**'

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| 4.00 p.m. to 4.05 p.m. | Introducing the Guest | Shri B. Krishnakumar |
| 4.05 p.m. to 5.05 p.m. | GRF Lecture III Gandhi and the Human Crisis | Prof. (Dr.) Michael Nagler |
| 5.05 p.m. to 5.15 p.m. | Comments | Shri Mel Duncan |
| 5.15 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. | Responses and Questions | Audience |
| 6.00 p.m. to 6.10 p.m. | Concluding Remarks | Shri Bhavarlal H. Jain |
| 6.10 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. | Vote of Thanks | Prof. M. P. Mathai |

Abstract of GRF Lecture III : Gandhi and the Human Crisis

There is a deep significance to Gandhi's life and being that underlies his well-known and already spectacular contributions of 'fathering' the modern Indian nation and giving the world what he called an "ocular demonstration" of the power of nonviolence. That is the answer posed by who he was and what he did to the question, "What is a human being?" This is no mere philosophical issue, fascinating as that may be: it could be argued that the degrading of the human image that has come about in the wake of modern industrial civilization, the lack of respect under which so many people labor today, is a root cause of violence in all its manifestations, and that conversely a restoration of our meaning and dignity could be a root of constructive change.

In this presentation I will seek to establish the foregoing idea and go on to speculate about what we could do now to carry forward the elevation of humanity for which he strove and made the final sacrifice. As a framework for this speculation I will sketch out how a person-centered approach to social change along Gandhian lines could be a blueprint for changes of the kind and at the scale humanity needs to progress beyond the ecological and spiritual crisis of our time.

PROFILES OF FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS



Stephanie Van Hook

Passionate about the power of deep nonviolence and constructive conflict resolution, Stephanie Van Hook is the Executive Director of the Metta Center for Nonviolence and one of the lead organizers for the North American Shanti Sena Network. She serves currently on the board of Peace workers, a non-profit organization that supports nonviolent movements around the globe. She has also served on the board of the Oregon Peace Institute and the Peace and Justice Studies Association (the latter as liaison to issues of gender, women and peace). She has published several chapters on topics ranging from nonviolent power, gender, forgiveness and peace. She regularly publishes articles on alternative news sites.



Anna Leinberger

Anna Leinberger is the Director of Publications at the Metta Center. She also works as an Editorial Assistant at Berrett-Koehler Publishers, which will be publishing Michael Nagler's forthcoming book, *The Nonviolence Handbook: A Guide to Practical Action*. After graduating from Oberlin College and briefly running away to join the circus, Anna moved to Madaba, Jordan to help found King's Academy. She has since lived in South America, South California, and now the Bay Area. As a Quaker, she has been involved in nonviolence her whole life, but upon discovering PACS 168 she decided to pursue deeper work in peace and nonviolence. She is passionate about languages, both dead and alive, and is the resident classicist, occasionally enjoying discussions of the *Odyssey* with Michael Nagler.



Michael J. Carrier

Michael J. Carrier has contributed to award-winning television and documentary films for more than 25 years for companies including Cable News Network, The National Geographic Society and PBS Television. Awards include a Gold Medal for film directing at The Houston International Film Festival. Carrier is sound editor on two Academy-Award nominated documentary films. He has a Masters Degree in Communications from San Jose State University and is currently working on a documentary on Nonviolence with the Metta Center for Nonviolence in Petaluma, California.



John E. Wade

John E Wade II is a visionary, author, investor and television producer and a retired Certified Public Accountant. He earned his BBA and MA in accounting at the University of Georgia. Mr. Wade conceived, financed and edited “How to Achieve a Heaven on Earth.” He espouses ten elements of a heaven on earth as follows: peace and security, freedom, democracies, prosperity, gender harmony, racial harmony, spiritual harmony, ecological harmony and health as well as moral purpose and meaning. Mr. Wade is co-author of “Glimpses of Heaven on Earth,” to be published in the Spring of 2014.



Mel Duncan

Mel Duncan is co-founder and past Executive Director of Nonviolent Peaceforce. He currently serves as NP’s Director of Special Projects. A graduate of Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota and the Center for Creation-Centered Spirituality in Oakland, California, Duncan has devoted himself to issues as diverse as peace in Central America, living wages, peace conversion of weapons industries, corporate welfare form, nonviolent conflict resolution, opposition to nuclear waste storage in environmentally and culturally sensitive areas and opposition to public financing of a baseball stadium. In 1990 he worked for Paul Wellstone’s US Senate race and has visited the people of Iraq to bring medical supplies before the current war.

Prior to the creation of Nonviolent Peaceforce, Duncan founded and directed Minnesota Jobs With Peace, Advocating Change Together (a self-advocacy organization of people with developmental disabilities) and the Minnesota Alliance for Progressive Action.

At the Hague Appeal for Peace in 1999, Duncan met David Hartsough and began work to launch Nonviolent Peaceforce, an effort that culminated in 2002 with NP’s convening event in Surajkund, India.

Mel Duncan’s honours and awards include a Community Leaders Fellowship from the Bush Foundation, the Distinguished Citizen’s Award from Macalester College and the Pfeffer International Peace Prize from the Fellowship of Reconciliation.



Michael Nagler

Michael Nagler (b. January 20, 1937), Professor Emeritus of Classics and Comparative Literature at University of California, Berkeley, graduated from New York University and University of California, Berkeley with an M.A. and Ph.D. in Comparative Literature. He co-founded the Peace and Conflict Studies Program in which he taught the immensely popular nonviolence course that was webcast in its entirety as well as PACS 90, “Meditation” and a sophomore seminar called “Why Are We Here? Great Writing on the Meaning of Life” for fifteen years. He is also the founder president of the Metta Center for Nonviolence Education. He has worked on nonviolent intervention since the 1970’s and

served on the Interim Steering Committee of the Nonviolent Peaceforce. He has spoken for campus, religious and other groups on peace and nonviolence for many years, especially since September 11, 2001. He has consulted for the U.S. Institute of Peace and many other organizations. He is the author of *Spontaneity and Tradition, A Study in the Oral Art of Homer* (1974), *Is There No Other Way?* (2001), *The Search for a Nonviolent Future* (which received a 2002 American Book Award), *Our Spiritual Crisis: Recovering Human Wisdom in a Time of Violence* (2005), *The Upanishads* (with Sri Eknath Easwaran, 1987) and other books as well as many articles on peace and spirituality. He is a recipient of the Jammalal Bajaj International Award for “Promoting Gandhian Values Outside India” in 2007, joining other distinguished awardees such as Archbishop Desmond Tutu and peace scholar and activist Johan Galtung.

Prof. Nagler has served as the co-Chair of the Peace and Justice Studies Association since 2008. He is on the advisory board of FFIPP-USA (Faculty for Israeli-Palestinian Peace-USA) and is also a contributing author for the online news and commentary site New Clear Vision.

Prof. Nagler is a student of Sri Eknath Easwaran, Founder of the Blue Mountain Center of Meditation, and has lived at the Center’s ashram in Marin County since 1970.



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