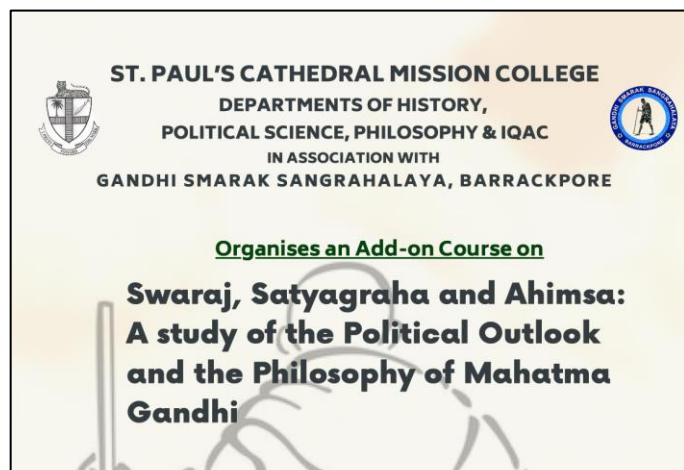
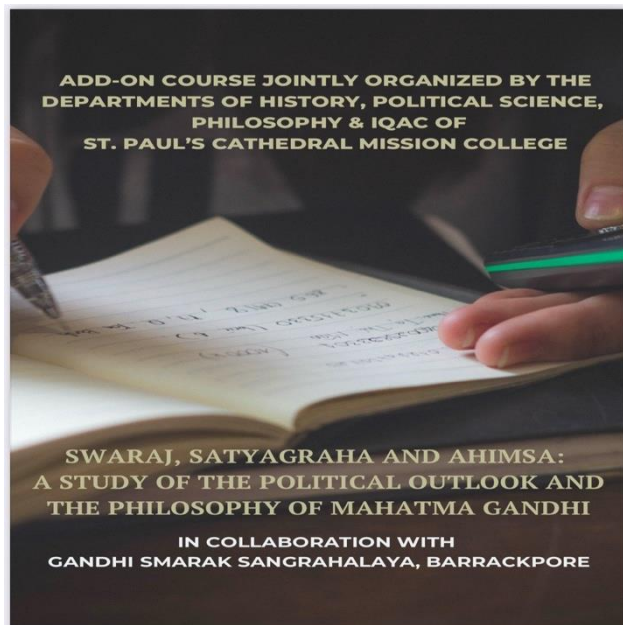


# Add on Course 'Swaraj, Satyagraha and Ahimsa: A Study of Political Outlook and Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi in collaboration with

**Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya, Barrackpore.**

13th November to 16th December 2024



## ABOUT THE COURSE



Gandhi had a legion of admirers, but he was also the target of virulent criticism for his rather strident views on modernity, industrial civilization, materialism. Yet it was his very dynamic personality, his ability to lead movements with his sincere belief in Ahimsa that has made him a pivotal leader of the 20th century. Nelson Mandela, had once said, "in a world driven by violence and strife, Gandhi's message of peace and non-violence holds the key to human survival in the 21st century".

Mohandas Karamdas Gandhi, was the undisputed leader of India's struggle for freedom not only because of his political charisma in leading the masses against the British government but his philosophy driven by a 'moral spirit' hitherto unknown in the political sphere, what C.F. Andrews described as 'an avalanche of moral force' in a letter to Rabindranath Tagore. As early as February 1915, we find Rabindranath Tagore referring to Gandhi as Mahatma.

This Add on Course aspires to study Gandhi from multiple perspectives to develop a holistic understanding of a great leader who is the pride of our Nation. Through an interesting and well-planned mix of lectures, presentations, films, museum visit, it aims to study Gandhi academically and at the same time taking lessons from the life of Gandhi, this Add on Course, aspires to inculcate strong values in students while helping them to discover their latent skills in academic research.

The Department of Political Science organised the Add-on Course on Swaraj, Satyagraha and Ahimsa: A Study of the Political Outlook and Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi, along with the Departments of History and Philosophy, in collaboration with Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya, Barrackpore, from 13th November to 16th December 2024.

24 students of our department successfully completed the course that was conducted in a blended mode. The interesting curriculum, supplementing traditional lectures with active learning techniques, documentaries screened, and the experiential trip to the Museum in

Barrackpore was a holistic attempt to provide the students a closer and detailed understanding of the life, politics and philosophy of the man who became the Mahatma.

**Day One-** 13.11.2024 (Wednesday)- Inaugural Lecture was delivered by **Dr. Kingshuk Chatterjee** on 'The Myth of the Mahatma,' in the College seminar room.

**Day Two-**16.11.2024 (Saturday)- Lecture was delivered by **Dr. Anamitra Sarkar** of the Department of History on 'Mahatma and Gurudev: Two Visions of Historic Consequence.'

**Day Three-** 20.11.2024 (Wednesday)- A Documentary titled, '**Then Came Gandhi,**' was screened and was followed by a compulsory Quiz for the registered students.

**Day Four-** 23.11.2024 (Saturday)- **Professor Mousumi Mukhopadhyay** of the Department of History spoke on, 'Gandhi and South Africa'

**Day Five-** 27.11.2024 (Wednesday) – **Dr. Sutapa Rani Dasgupta** of the Department of History, delivered a lecture on, 'The Political Strategy of Gandhi.'

**Day Six-** 30.11.2024 –(Saturday) **Dr. Indrani Banerjee** of the Department of Economics, delivered a lecture on 'Relevance of Economic Thought of Mahatma Gandhi in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.'

**Day Seven** -03.12.2024 (Wednesday)- **Professor Vivas Das** of the Department of Philosophy, spoke on "The Evolution of Gandhi- God is truth, truth is God."

**Day Eight** - 5.12.2024 (Thursday)- **Professor Ayesha Dutta** of the Department of Philosophy delivered an online lecture on, 'Gandhi Through the Lens: Cinematic Depictions Over Time,'

**Day Nine** - 06.12.2024 (Friday)- **Prof. Jihiskel Naskar** of the Department of Philosophy delivered a lecture on 'Sarvodaya and Utilitarianism: A Comparative Study.'

**Day Ten** - 08.12.2024 (Sunday) - **Professor Santanu Banerjee** of the Department of History delivered an online lecture on, 'Gandhi: Some Psychoanalytical Perspectives.'

**Day Eleven** - 10.12.2024 (Tuesday)- A movie titled, '**Gandhi**' directed by Richard Attenborough was screened in the seminar room of the college.

**Day Twelve-** 13.12.2025-(Friday) Professor **Biswajit Prasad Hazam** of the Department of Political Science, delivered an online Lecture on Gandhi and RSS (online) @ 7 pm.

**Day Thirteen-** 14.12.2024 (Saturday)- The 41 registered candidates of the Add-on Course visited the Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalay along with five faculty members.

**Day Fourteen-** 15.12.2024 (Sunday)- **Prof. Jhelum Ghosh** of the Department of Political Science delivered an online lecture on, 'The Dalit Question: Gandhi and Ambedkar.'

**Day Fifteen-** 16.12.2024 (Monday)- **The Valedictory Speech** was delivered by **Dr. Pratik Ghosh, Director of Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalay**, Barrackpore, followed by the distribution of certificates to the students who successfully completed the course.

