



Promoting Truth, Non-Violence, Communal Harmony, Humanitarian Service & Peace in Contemporary Society
Newsletter of Sarvodaya International Trust (SIT) For 2018
(covering activities upto February 2019)

The highlights of SIT's board spectrum activities during this period were the releases of four more foreign language editions of its widely acclaimed 'Gandhi's Outstanding Leadership' publication. These were the Japanese, Czech, Farsi and Greek editions. Photos and details there of are printed hereunder.



Japanese edition released by H.I.H Princess Takamodo at Tokyo on April 8



Czech edition released at Prague on September 14 by Hon'ble Mr. Lubomir Zaoralek, former Foreign Minister & Chairman of Czech Parliament's Foreign Relations

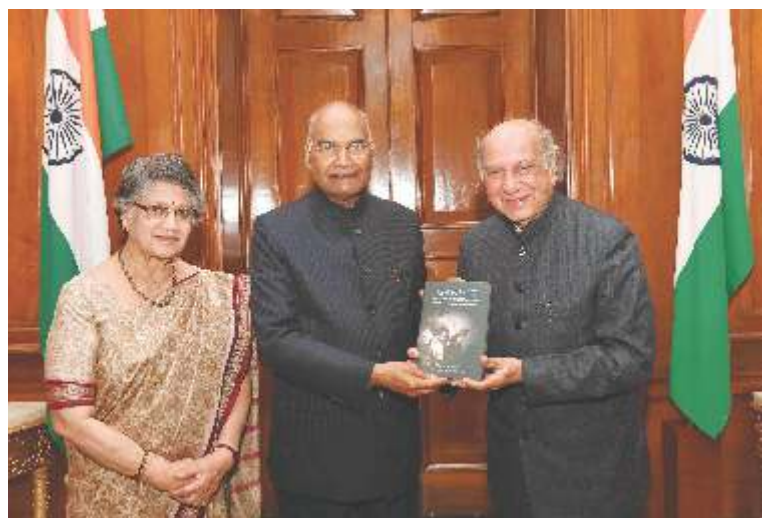


The Farsi edition released at Tehran by Mr. Bahram Ghassemi, Deputy Foreign Minister of Iran on October 2



The Greek edition was released at Nicosia by Dr. Niki Papadopou, Vice Minister for Education of the Government of Cyprus on October 9. The President of Cyprus H.E. Mr. Nicos Anastasiades sent an inspiring Message, which has been included in this edition.

SIT Managing Trustee Pascal Alan Nazareth's second book on Gandhi which is titled 'Gandhi : The Soul Force Warrior : Revolutionized Revolution and Spiritualized it has been published by Wisdom Tree of New Delhi. It was released at India International Centre by Mahatma Gandhi's grand daughter Mrs. Tara Gandhi Bhaatacharjee on December 4, 2018. The following morning President R.N. Kovind received him and his book at Rashtrapathi Bhavan.



The Spanish edition of this book which is titled 'Gandhi : Guerra del Alma' & has been published by Editorial Porrúa was released by Mr. Carlos Icaza, Vice Foreign Minister, at the Embassy of India in Mexico city on January 26, 2019.



The commencement of the 150 birth anniversary year of Mahatma Gandhi was joyfully celebrated by SIT Regional Chapters with concerts of music & dance, lectures, audio visual presentations etc in various state capitals. Brief details about some of them are given hereunder.

At Bangalore an impactful song and dance programme meticulously choreographed by Bangalore Doordarshan Kendra (BKD) was presented at the Raj Bhavan Glass House and nationally telecast thereafter on its Chandana channel.

The Governor of Karnataka Sri Vajubhai Vala was Chief Guest. Over a thousand people from all walks of life including Karnataka Government VIPs and some Bangalore based Consuls General of the UK, Germany and Japan were present at it.

At New Delhi :

The New Delhi Chapter presented a 'Celebrating Gandhi' event in collaboration with India International Centre with an address by reputed author / columnist Pavan Verma titled 'Adi Shankra and Mahatma Gandhi : The Coincidence of Belief' and readings from Gandhi's books and letters by students of Springdales School.



At Hyderabad

The Andhra Pradesh and Telengana Chapter's Gandhi Jayanti celebration was held sequentially at the Focus School near Salar Jung Museum and Telengana Minority Residential School at Chandrayanagutta. Nukkad Nataks titled 'Bapu Ki Pukar' were staged and Gandhiji's favourite bhajans and hymns were sung. Over 1000 students participated in this celebration

At Mumbai

The Maharashtra Chapter presented film maker Gaurang Mehta's audio visual presentation titled 'Influencing without Authority - Gandhi's Model of Leadership'. This was followed by a 'Gandhi Vandana' song recital by Vidushi Ashwini Bhide Deshpande. Upagna Pandya and Uday Mazumdar.



At Bhubaneshwar

The Orissa Chapter presented a music programme titled AARPAN at Rabindra Mandap. Guru Laxmikanta Palit and his choir of forty singers performed at it. Among the many who attended it were two revered nonagenarian Gandhians ; Padmasree Bhavani Patnaik and Sri Padma Charan Nayak and 100 Indian Army jawans.

Some of the Regional Chapters also had meaningful observances of Gandhi's martyrdom day. The New Delhi Chapter presented a song recital titled 'Protests of Peace at India International Centre in which pre-and post independence songs of freedom and resistance were sung by Sumangala Damodaran accompanied on the guitar by Mark Aranha.

The AP & T chapter had a Gandhi Memorial lecture titled 'Media & Non Violence by the reputed journalist Ms Seema Mustafa at the Mufakaam Jah College in Hyderabad.

The Orissa Chapter had an exhibition titled "Experiments with Truth" at which art works by more than 35 leading Orissa artists were presented at Lalit Kala Akademi's regional centre of, Bhubaneswar. The exhibition was inaugurated by Agus Indra Udayana, founder of the three Gandhi Ashrams in Bali, Indonesia, and SIT Trustee from that country.

Financial assistance / translators honorarium was provided to the following institutions / translators

i)Rs 15,000 to Sevagram Ashram Pratisthana , Wardha.Maharashtra

ii) Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement's Tribal Welfare Centre, Kenchanahalli, H.D.Kote Taluk, Mysore DT.

iii) Rs 15,000 to Mayurbhanj Leprosy Home, Baripada Orissa.

iv) Rs 15,000 to Kalahandi Vikas Parishad, Sunbaheli Post, Naupada Dt, Orissa.

v) Prasant Centre for Human Rights, Justice and Peace, Ahmedabad.

vi) Rs 15,000 to Gramin Vikas Vigyan Mandir, Jodhpur.

vii) Rs 15,000 to National Muslim Women Welfare Society. Jaipur

viii) St. Augustine Social Service Society, Sendhwa, Barwani Dt. Madhya Pradesh

ix)Rs 15,000 to Rahat Ghar, Srinagar, J & K state

Honoraria of Euros 1000 & Euros 1,500 (Rs 1.75 lakhs) to translators of the Czech and Greek editions of SIT's 'Gandhi's Outstanding Leadership' book.

Managing Trustee delivered the following lectures during this period :

1. Gandhi : The Non Violent Revolutionary at National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA) Bangalore on July 6, 2018

2. Gandhi's Soul Force and Sri Chinmoy's Love Force at the Sri Chinmoy Centre in Prague, Czech Republic on September 13, 2018

3. Gandhi : The Non Violent Revolutionary at Firdausi Hall, Tehran, Iran on October 2, 2018.

4. Gandhi : The Non Violent Revolutionary at National Library of Cyprus in Nicosia on October 9, 2018

5. 'Gandhi : The Soul Force Warrior who Revolutionized Revolution and Spiritualized it' at NGMA Bangalore on January 30, 2019.

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