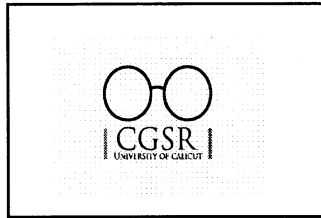


Activities of the Chair for Gandhian Studies & Research



The Chair for Gandhian Studies and Research was instituted in the University of Calicut by Rajiv Gandhi Cultural and Educational Trust, which is registered under the aegis of Calicut University Staff Organisation in 2004, with the main objective of disseminating the ideals and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi among the younger generation and the students in particular. Major activities of the Chair include conducting of Gandhi Darshan Study Programme for the UP and HS students in Malappuram District, publication of books on Gandhian Thoughts, organizing national seminars, debates, workshops, lectures to promote perspectives on non-violence, peace, truth, self reliance, conflict resolution, tolerance, secularism, democratic decentralization, human rights, social justice and environmental protection. Chair also conducts appropriate programmes like honouring Veteran Gandhians, presenting Gandhi Chair Award to Gandhian Activists, Authors or Institutions every year, Inter-collegiate Gandhi quiz competition for college students, Gandhi painting competition for school children and Personality Development Classes for students and youth. Chair also seeks to empower women in the rural villages to strengthen the democratization of the society and the upliftment of the poor.

Chair has the proud privilege of organizing a number of national seminars with the assistance of ICHR, ICSSR, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, New Delhi, Institute of Parliamentary Affairs, Govt. of Kerala, KSCSTE (Kerala State council for Science, Technology and Environment) and Ministry of Forest and Environment, Govt. of India: Of late, the Chair has been authorized by the University to function as the learners support centre for the students registered for M.A Gandhian Studies programme (Distance Education) offered by the University. The Chair proposes to extend the Gandhi Darshan Study Programme to the students of Higher Secondary schools and colleges during the next academic year.

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