

A training program titled_ “Empowering Youth as Peacebuilders”, that seeks to catalyze young individuals' potential as peace agents and advocates for positive change in their communities, was organised by the **Peace Club of Mata Sundri College for Women, Delhi University, in collaboration with the Global Peace Foundation (GPF), India** on 5th April 2024 in Mata Gujri Hall. The event commenced at 10 am with the headcount of more than 50 students from various colleges affiliated to the University of Delhi.

Ms. Mitali, Secretary Peace Club welcomed all the participants, guests, resource persons and students. Prof. Harpreet Kaur, Principal Mata Sundri College for Women, gave her welcome remarks. She highlighted the significance of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam in her address to the audience. Dr. Markandey Rai, Chairman, GPF India gave his inaugural remarks. He emphasized on the youth power of India and the importance of Gandhian ideals. Dr. Prabhas C. Sinha made the students aware about various fields existing in the arena of peace building. With this the inaugural session was concluded by Ms. Mitali.

The first session was initiated by Ms. Anjali. She shared her vast understanding in the field of peacebuilding, peacekeeping, and peacemaking. Dr. Surendra Pathak emphasized on societal and ecological interconnectedness. Dr. Markandey Rai concluded the first session, at 1 pm, by urging the audience to join the family of peacebuilders to contribute to the common good.

The second session began at 1:40, after the lunch. Dr. Vandana Guliyar empowered the audience with the extraordinary capacity of technology for both good and evil. She shared the idea behind the success of the “no more missing” movement, launched by her with the aim of connecting lost children with their families. She highlighted on the power of digital footprints and shared some remarkable tools for cybersecurity. Afterwards, Dr. Sinha provided his insights into some of the most effective community-based programs run by GPF, such as Peace Literacy Training, Moral and Innovative Leadership, Sustainable Means of Lifelong Empowerment and so on.

Thereafter, several interesting questions were asked by the students which was addressed accordingly by the resource persons. Principal, Prof. Harpreet Kaur, Dr. Markandey Rai and faculty coordinators, Dr. Neetu Sharma, Dr. Moitri Dey and Mr. Jaspertap Singh distributed certificates to all the participants who successfully completed the training program. The training program was concluded with vote of thanks by Dr. Neetu Sharma.