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Date : March 01, 2023 (Wednesday)

**Department of Political Science & Public Administration
St. John's College, Anchal**

Chief Guest :

Prof. MICHAEL WARREN SONNLEITNER, PhD
(Political Educator and Gandhian Thinker)
Portland Community College, USA -

**PROGRAMME SCHEDULE
(10:00 am - 12:30 pm)**

- Welcome : **Ms. BHAGYALAKSHMI S.**
(II DC Representative & Political Science Association Secretary)
- Presidential Address : **Dr. CHERIAN JOHN** (Principal, SJC Anchal)
- Inauguration and Keynote Address : **Prof. MICHAEL WARREN SONNLEITNER**
Political Educator & Gandhian Thinker,
Portland Community College, United States.

Gandhi's Philosophy on Environment and Climate Change

- Felicitations : **Mr. Muhammed Shahin A.S.** (College Union Chairman)
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Ms. MANJIMA MADHUSOODHANAN (II DC Representative)
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Mr. AJIL VASUDEV (I DC Representative)
- Vote of thanks : **Ms. ANJANA SUDHARSHAN** (III DC Representative)


Prof. Michael Sonnleitner is a renowned professor and Gandhian Scholar with more than 27 years of teaching experience. He was a Nehru-Fulbright Scholar and Thomas J Watson Foundation Fellow. He travelled throughout India and interviewed people personally knew Gandhi including Vinod Bhave, Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, Morarji Desai, Jayaprakash Narayan, Marjorie Sykes, Pyarelal Nayar, Nirmal Kumar Bose and Narayan Desai.

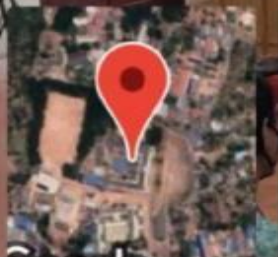
Report of the Seminar

The Department of Political Science and Public Administration at St. John's College, Anchal, organized an invited lecture on '**Gandhi's Philosophy on Environment and Climate Change**' on March 1st, 2023. The chief guest of the program was Prof. Michael Sonnleitner, a renowned professor and Gandhian scholar with over 27 years of teaching experience. He was a Nehru-Fulbright Scholar and a Thomas J. Watson Foundation Fellow. Prof. Sonnleitner extensively travelled throughout India, conducting interviews with individuals who personally knew Gandhi, including VinodBhave, Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, Morarji Desai, Jayaprakash Narayan, Marjorie Sykes, PyarelalNayar, Nirmal Kumar Bose, and Narayan Desai. He is also the author of the book 'GANDHI AND KING: SOUL FORCE AND SOCIAL CHANGE'.

In his lecture, Prof. Sonnleitner highlighted the importance of Gandhism's emphasis on simplicity and living in harmony with nature, aligning with the ethos of sustainability necessary to combat climate change. He also added that Gandhi's principles of non-violence and self-sufficiency offer a holistic approach to addressing environmental challenges by promoting stewardship of natural resources and reducing consumption. Prof. Sonnleitner stressed the importance of applying Gandhian values to inspire collective action and foster a mindset shift towards prioritizing environmental conservation and ecological concerns. . Around 110 students including both BA and MA students of the college participated in the seminar.



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