

Rashtrapita Mahatma Gandhi Arts, Commerce and Science College, Saoli

Field Visit Report-Visit to Gandhi Charkha Sangh, Saoli

A field visit to **Gandhi Charkha Sangh, Saoli** was organized for the students of BSC II year SEM IV to provide practical exposure and awareness about Gandhian values, self-reliance, and rural industries.

The visit aimed to familiarize students with the importance of the Charkha movement, cottage industries, and the principles of simplicity and sustainable living promoted by Mahatma Gandhi.

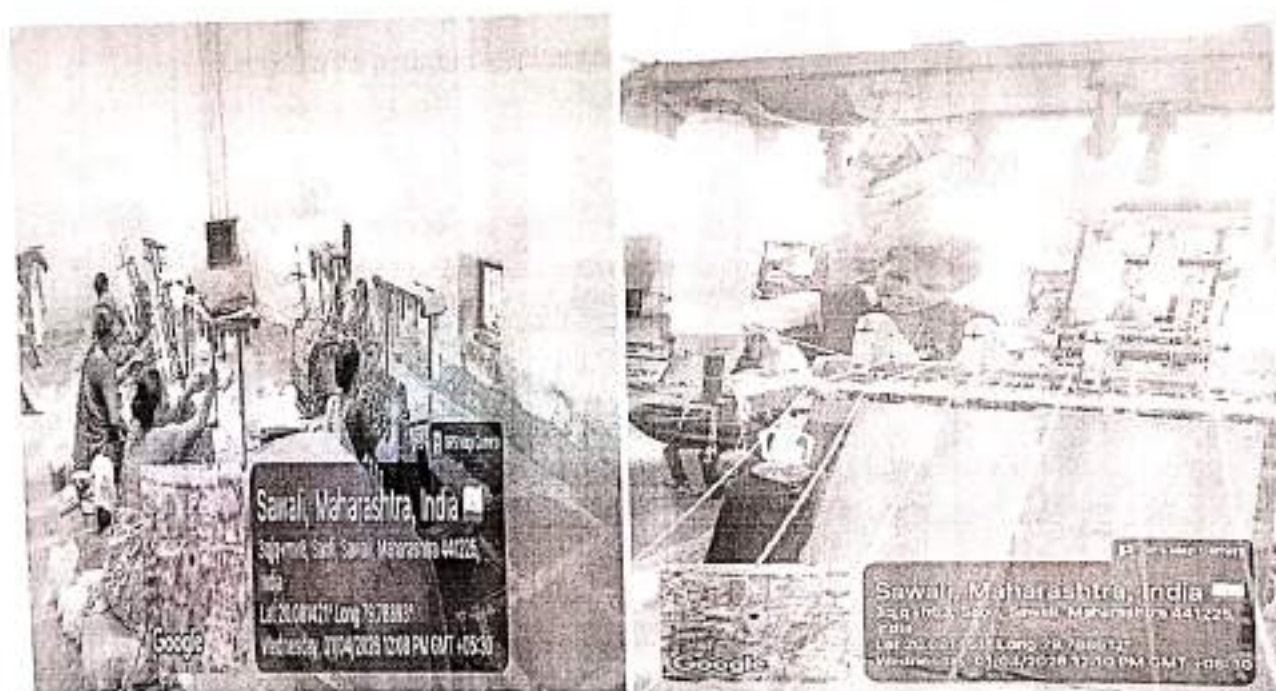
During the visit, students observed the functioning of the Charkha, the process of spinning cotton, and the significance of khadi in India's freedom movement as well as in present-day self-employment opportunities. The resource persons at the center explained the historical importance of the Charkha and its role in promoting economic independence.

Students actively interacted with the staff members, asked questions, and gained valuable knowledge regarding traditional skills and rural entrepreneurship. The visit was highly informative and inspiring for all participants.

Such educational visits help students connect classroom learning with real-life experiences and develop social awareness, respect for heritage, and appreciation for self-sustainable practices. After the visit, students prepared a detailed report based on their observations, learning experiences, and knowledge gained during the field visit. The report reflected their understanding of Gandhian philosophy, rural development, and the relevance of self-reliance in present times.

The field visit proved to be highly informative, educational, and inspiring. It helped students connect academic learning with practical experience while developing respect for national heritage and social values.

The field visit to Gandhi Charkha Sangh, Saoli was successful and enriching for the students.




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Enclosure:

- 1) List of Student
- 2) Field Visit Report by Student

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Field Visit Report Charkha Sangh Saoli.
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Field Visit Report

**VISIT TO GANDHI CHARKHA SANGH SAOLI
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VISIT REPORT ON SAOLI CHARKHA SANGHA

I recently had the opportunity to visit the Gandhi Charkha Sangha in Saoli, Chandrapur. This organization, deeply rooted in the principles of Mahatma Gandhi, is dedicated to promoting rural development and empowering local communities. In this report, I will share my observations and insights from the visit, along with recommendations for the future.

Mahatma Gandhi: Gandhism and Basis of Gandhiji's Thoughts

Mahatma Gandhi was a great leader of our country. He was born on October 2, 1869. His name was Mohan Das Gandhi and his father was Karam Chand Gandhi.

He was called to the Bar in England. After that he started legal practice in India. On the invitation of Gokhale, he went to South Africa in 1893.

He started legal practice there and resorted to many Satyagrahas in order to improve the condition of the Indians

living there. In January, 1915 he came back to India. He organised a Satyagraha in Champaran (Bihar) and in Khera (Gujarat) to protect the interests of the farmers. In 1920 he started Non-Co- operation and Khilafat Movement.

This movement continued till 1922. After that he remained in prison till 1924. On release from the prison, he became the President of Indian National Congress. From 1924 to January 30, 1948 he remained the leader of the Congress and he provided leadership to all the activities and movements of the Congress.

AIM OF THE VISIT

The purpose of my visit was to gain a firsthand understanding of the organization's work learn about their impact on the community and explore opportunities for collaboration and support.

INTRODUCTION OF CHARKHA SANGHA SAOLI

Gandhi Charkha Sangh is a non-profit organization founded in 1972 with the vision of promoting self-reliance and sustainable development in rural areas. They focus on empowering local communities through skill-building, education, and the revival of traditional crafts. Their commitment to Gandhian principles and social welfare is highly commendable.

SAOLI

Saoli is a small village in the Chandrapur district of Maharashtra, India. The village is known for its vast plain and farms as well as its rich cultural heritage.

GANDHI CHARKHA SANGHA SAOLI

The Gandhi Charkha Sangh Saoli was established in 1927 to promote the use of the charkha spinning wheel. The organization aims to empower local women by providing skills and training in spinning and weaving.

The village mostly had paddy-growers and labourers. After taking paddy crop, villagers used to spin yarn for the rest of the year. Padmashali community used to weave 'Lugda' (local saree) and Dhoti. Kewat community members used to weave clothes and headgear (Pheta) from silkworm cocoons. Pravin Takey, District Information Officer, Chandrapur, who dug out details of spinning wheel movement in Saoli, told 'The Hitavada' that the traders from Saoli and some members of Padmashali and Kewat communities once met Jamnalal Bajaj, a close aide of Mahatma Gandhi.

Bajaj, who shared Mahatma Gandhi's passion for self-reliance of villages, asked Narmada Prasad Awasthi to start Khadi Bhandar at Saoli given the favourable social condition there. And, thus, in 1927, Saoli became a part of 'Mission Charkha'. Awasthi became the first Manager of Khadi Bhandar started in Saoli in 1927. Soon, the village of Saoli rose to fame for high-quality yarn spun on 'Charkha'. In 1936, Akhil Bharatiya Gandhi Seva Sangh held its convention at Saoli. In fact, Mahatma Gandhi also visited the village twice. His first visit was November 14, 1933.

During his second visit that happened in 1936, he stayed there from February 27 to March 5. He stayed in the same building that today hosts Nag Vidarbha Charkha Sangh. During the Mahatma's stay in Saoli, top leaders of Indian freedom struggle like Sardar Patel, Dr Rajendra Prasad, Acharya Vinoba Bhave, Jamnalal Bajaj, Sarojini Naidu, Sushila Nair also visited

Overview of Gandhi Charkha Sangh Saoli

History

The Gandhi Charkha Sangh Saoli was founded by a group of local women who were passionate about preserving traditional Indian handicrafts and empowering the community.

Goals

The organization aims to provide employment opportunities for women in the village and to revive the use of the charkha spinning wheel.

Activities

The Sangh conducts regular training sessions for women on spinning weaving, and dyeing. They also organize exhibitions to showcase the products and engage with customers

Vocational Training

Providing skills training in traditional crafts like spinning, weaving, and woodworking to empower local artisans to earn a sustainable livelihood

Agricultural Development

Promoting organic farming practices and training farmers in sustainable agricultural Techniques to enhance productivity and environmental conservation

Education Programs

Supporting rural education initiatives to ensure access to quality education for children in remote areas

Challenges faced by the organization

1 Limited Resources

Like many non-profit organizations, Gandhi Charkha Sangh faces resource constraints. The need for adequate funding and infrastructure poses challenges in scaling up their initiatives and reaching a larger audience.

2 Community Engagement

Creating sustained community engagement and participation requires continuous effort. Building trust, fostering dialogue, and ensuring the active involvement of community members

are ongoing challenges that Gandhi Charkha Sangh strives to address.

3 Technological Advancements

Adapting to rapidly changing technological advancements presents a unique set of challenges for a traditionally rooted organization. Balancing the preservation of traditional crafts with the integration of digital tools requires careful consideration and strategic planning.

Power Cuts

Due to frequent power cuts in the village, the women often struggle to complete their work on time.

Recommendations for the future

Collaboration and Partnerships

Strengthening partnerships with other organizations, both local and global can enhance the impact and reach of Gandhi Charkha Sangh's initiatives. Collaborative efforts can bring together diverse resources, expertise, and perspectives to tackle complex challenges effectively.

Sustainable Scaling

As the organization continues to grow, ensuring the sustainability of its projects and initiatives is crucial. Focusing on long term strategies, monitoring the impact of intervention, and investing in capacity building will enable Gandhi Charkha Sangh to extend its positive influence in the years to come.

Technology Integration

Embracing technology can help Gandhi Charkha Sangh streamline its operations, expand its outreach, and enhance its impact. By leveraging digital platforms and tools, they can connect with a wider audience, raise awareness and attract support from a global network.

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