

INSTITUTE OF INFRASTRUCTURE, TECHNOLOGY, RESEARCH AND MANAGEMENT

POPULAR LECTURE SERIES (2014 - 15)

On **10th September, 2014 at 12.10 PM**, students and faculty members got a chance to meet a pure Gandhian Personality – **Dr. Sudarshan Iyengar, Ph.D. (Economics), Vice Chancellor, Gujarat Vidyapeeth, Ahmedabad, Gujarat** under Popular Lecture Series. He is a learned scholar, holding PHD in Economics. His areas of research interest Research are Gandhian thought and praxis, natural resource development and management, people's institutions and role of non-government organizations in initiatives in societal development.

His enormously knowledgeable and down to earth personality fascinated each and all in the Seminar Hall. The topic of his discussion was "Gandhi's Views on Economics" which gradually converted into "Gandhi and his Views" with brainstorming interaction with young students. Three major problems with men, as he cited, are: 1. Self (Vyakti), 2. Others around us (Samasti), and 3. With Nature (Prakruti)! He made all understand the problems with all these three aspects. Dr. Iyengar stated that 'Less wants and demands' can be helpful to humankind and thus will help the entire Economic System. He talked on many thought provoking issues in today's world and gave solutions on the basis of Gandhian Philosophy. How Gandhi's idealism can be applied in today's fast growing capitalist world was his main focus to ponder on. Dr. Iyengar discussed the issues of globalization and Gandhian philosophy as a solution. He raised the issue that how different defense ministry has been using millions and trillions rupees while the commoners suffer from poverty, starvation and un-employability.

While concluding, he simply affirmed that the solution to any problem must be 'Love Force' and 'Soul Force' with non-violence which will convert every minor and major obstacle into 'Peace Force'. The interaction with students was interesting and thought provoking. The session was concluded at 1.10 PM by him with a gift of books for all.

