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An Associate Professor of Philosophy, Delhi University, India, from 1979 to 2013, Suman Khanna Aggarwal obtained her doctoral degree on Gandhian thought in 1978 and has since translated her theoretical knowledge into practical action by founding the Gandhian NGO – Shanti Sahyog that works in 17 South Delhi slums (Kalkaji/ Govindpuri area) and Tughlakabad Village, New Delhi. She has also extended her understanding of Gandhi 's ideology to her work as a Peace Researcher and Activist. To promote Gandhi's legacy of Nonviolent Conflict Resolution and vision of a World beyond War, she has set up Shanti Sahyog Centre for Peace & Conflict Resolution. She has authored two books and published several papers/articles in reputed journals/books on Gandhian principles.

She has completed three Post-Doctoral Research Projects in Canada, Sweden and India

As a Gandhian scholar, she has lectured extensively and taught courses on Gandhi in North America, Europe, Middle East and Asia, for instance, John Hopkins University - USA, McMaster University - Canada, Bradford University – UK, Scandinavian/Nordic Universities, and Al Quds University - Palestine/Israel, amongst others.

A plenary speaker at international conferences, she strongly believes that individual social responsibility, dictated by one's conscience, has the power to bring out social and political transformation.

She conducts Trainings & Workshops on Gandhian Philosophy / Nonviolent Conflict Resolution on a regular basis.

She is a recipient of the following Awards for her community service of the underprivileged and her promotion of nonviolent conflict resolution:

2019 - 51 Most Impactful Social Innovators Award (A Global Listing)
given by World CSR Congress

2018 - Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram Award for Exemplary Social Service

2017 - BHARAT NIRMAN Literary Excellence Award for contribution to Gandhian Philosophy

2016 - All Ladies League (ALL) Iconic Leader Contributing in Better World Award

2014 - International Women Excellence Award

2013 - Karamveer Puruskaar (Global Citizen Award)

2012 - Rajiv Gandhi Global Vision Award

BOOKS

Gandhi and the Good Life

1985: 1st Edition, Published by Gandhi Peace Foundation, New Delhi, India

1996: 2nd Edition, Published by B R Publishing Corporation, New Delhi, India

Gandhian Vision - Status Growth & Development since 50 Years of Independence: 1947-97 (edited)

1999: Published by B R Publishing Corporation, New Delhi, India

PUBLISHED PAPERS & ARTICLES

Paper/Article

Journal/Book

2019 **Tolstoy & Gandhi: Stalwarts of Nonviolence**

Tolstoy & Gandhi: Philosophical Horizons, Editor Dr Girish Munjal, Gandhi Bhawan, University of Delhi & Embassy of the Russian Federation in India

2018 **Nonviolence is The Law of Our Species**

Champaran Satyagraha Centennial
National Conference Publication, Editor Purshottam Agrawal

2012 **Right to Education Act: Issues & Challenges**

Journal of Bihar Education Society, India

2011 **A Plea for a Global *Satyagraha* for Nonviolent Defence**

A Festschrift, Taking Text to Context, Vidyajyoti College of Theology, Editors G Keerankeri, V P Srivastave

2010 **Essence of Man's Being is Immortal**

Science and Spirituality - The Growing Interface, Sri Satya Sai Baba Centre for Human Values, New Delhi

2009 **Spirals of Mutuality: Love, Nonviolence & Service**

FORUM,
Journal of International Association of Group Psychotherapy (IAGP) Issue 3

2002 **Book Review** *Gandhi Marg*

Journal of Gandhi Peace Foundation, New Delhi, April-June, issue

2002 **Book Review** *Vidya Jyoti Journal of Religious Studies*, April issue

1999 **Models of Development** *Gandhian Vision*

Suman Khanna Aggarwal, B R Publishing Corporation, New Delhi

1997 **Hazrat Khudeja** *Women and Religion*, M K Gill ed., Vijay Publications, New Delhi

1991 **The Gandhian Vision and Value Education** *Education and Character Building*,

Gandhi Smriti & Darshan Samiti, New Delhi

1989 **Book Review Article**

S K Saxena's Book, *Ever Unto God: Essays on Gandhi & Religion*

Journal of the *Indian Council of Philosophical Research*, New Delhi, Vol. VII, No. 1, Sept-Dec
Book Review *Gandhi Marg* April-June issue

- 1988 **The Gandhian Response to the Challenge of Poverty in India**
Poverty in India: Challenges & Responses, Xavier Board, Bangalore
- 1987 **Of Humility: A Study In Marcel & Gandhi**
Journal of Indian Philosophical Quarterly, Vol 14, No 1, January-March
- 1984 **Faith & Reason: A Study in Gandhi**
Gandhi Marg, March Issue, Journal of Gandhi Peace Foundation, New Delhi
- 1983 **Of Faith: A Comparative Study in Gandhi & Gabriel Marcel**
Gandhi Marg, May Issue, Ibid

EDUCATION

- 1990-91: **Post-Doctoral Research**
Brock University, St. Catharine's, Ontario, Canada
Research Subject: Collaborative Possibilities Between Greenpeace, Canada
& Similar Popular Movements, India
- 1987-88: **Post-Doctoral Research**
Transnational Foundation for Peace & Future Research, Lund, Sweden
Research Subject: Nordic Peace Movements & The Gandhian Paradigm of Power
- 1984: **Post-Doctoral Research**
University Grants Commission, Delhi University, India
Research Subject: Faith & Humility: A Comparative Study in Gandhi & Gabriel Marcel
- 1978: **Doctoral Degree** in Gandhian Philosophy, Banaras Hindu University, India
- 1970: **Masters in Philosophy**, Indraprastha College, Delhi University, India
- 1968: **Bachelor of Humanities**, Sacred Heart College, Dalhousie, Punjab University, India

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 1979 -2013: **Associate Professor of Philosophy**, Mata Sundri College, Delhi University, India
- 1991-92: **Associate Professor of Philosophy**, Zakir Husain College, Delhi University, India
- 1970-79: **Lecturer of Philosophy**, Non Tenure Positions, Delhi University, India

OVERSEAS TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS

- 2007: Al Quds University, Palestine/Israel (Course on Gandhi)
- 2002: John Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA (Course on Gandhi)
- 1993 & 94: McMaster University, Canada (Summer Semesters)
Dept. of Peace Studies & Dept. of Religious Studies (Courses on Gandhi & Hinduism)

TRAININGS / WORKSHOPS / PLENARY SPEECHES

on Gandhian Philosophy

Year	Institute
2019	
April	Tolstoy & Gandhi: Philosophical Horizons, Seminar St. Stephens College, Delhi University School of Education, G D Goenka University, Gurugram
February	World CSR Congress 2019, Mumbai
30 January Martyrs Day	Desh Bandhu Gupta College, Delhi University
2018	
November	Gandhi Centre, The Hague, Netherlands Vrije University, Amsterdam, Netherlands School of Management, GD Goenka University, Gurugram
October 2	12th International Day for Nonviolence Gandhi Bhavan, Delhi University Laxmi Bai College, Delhi University
September	Delhi Public School, Faridabad VAPP, Lady Sri Ram College, New Delhi
August	Dept. of Social Work, Jamia Milia Islamia University, New Delhi Cambridge School, Srinivaspuri, New Delhi
June	Global Organization for People of Indian Origin (GOPIO) Amsterdam, Netherlands
March	7 th Asiad Literature Festival 2018, India International Centre, New Delhi
February	Mata Sundri College, Delhi University
January	Miranda House, Delhi University American Center, New Delhi
2017	
October	Global Organization for People of Indian Origin (GOPIO) Den Hague, Netherlands Brahma Kumari's Spiritual Academy, Rotterdam, Netherlands Brahma Kumari's Spiritual Academy, Amsterdam, Netherlands
October 2	11th International Day for Nonviolence Gandhi, King, Mandela Exhibition De Nieuwe Kerk, Amsterdam, Netherlands
September	Women Conclave 2017, Kirori Mal College, Delhi University

The Round Table, Kirori Mal College, Delhi University
 August Hiroshima Day Workshop at Alliance Francaise de Delhi
 May American Center, New Delhi
 April 'National Conclave on Gandhi', Patna, Government of Bihar,
 celebrating Champaran *Satyagraha* Centennial
 'Expressions India' Leadership Course in Life Skills & Wellbeing
 March American Center, New Delhi
 January GYMKHANA LITERATI 2017, New Delhi

2016

October Gandhi Peace Foundation, New Delhi
 September Dept. of Gandhian & Peace Studies, Chandigarh, Punjab University
 Consulate General of Canada, Chandigarh
 May All Ladies League (ALL), Women Economic Forum 2016, New Delhi
 Gandhi Bhawan, Delhi University
 April Foundation for Peace Harmony and Good Governance, India Habitat Centre,
 New Delhi
 March Philosophy Association, Mata Sundri College, Delhi University
 Feb Central Services Officers' Institute, New Delhi

2015

October The Theosophical Society of The Hague, Netherlands
 International Relations Student Association, Netherlands
 Arya Samaj Association, Netherlands
 May Mongolian Institute of Literature and Social Work, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
 April Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan, New Delhi
 Spring Rotary Clubs, New Delhi
 March Teachers Workshop, Deepalaya School, New Delhi
 Feb Gandhi Study Circle, Bharti College, Delhi University

2014

September Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan, New Delhi

2013

December Girls Senior Secondary School No 3, Kalkaji, New Delhi
 October Bhatinda University, Punjab

2008 to 2011 } Folk University, Lund Sweden

2011, 2006 2000-2003 1999,1996	} }	Peace and Development Research Institute Goteborg University, (PADRIGU) Sweden
2010	} }	Chalmers University, Sweden Malmo University, Sweden Punjab Technical University, Jalandhar, Punjab, India Centre for Women's Studies, Jaipur, Rajasthan University, India Jamia Milia Islamia University, New Delhi, India
2009	} }	Hebron University, Palestine/Israel, INNATE – Irish Network for Nonviolent Action Training & Education Irish School of Ecumenics, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland Woodbrooke College, Birmingham, U.K.
2006	} }	India International Centre, New Delhi One World South Asia, India International Centre Public Lecture in Stockholm International Human Rights Day, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi Rotary Award Seminar, PHD Chamber of Commerce, New Delhi, Interim World Philosophy Congress, Delhi University
2001, 2000	} }	South Asian Studies Network - SASNET, Lund University, Sweden International Women's Centre, Stockholm, Sweden
2000		Kristianstad University, Sweden
1999	} }	Danish Anthroposophical Society, Copenhagen, Denmark Gender Studies for University Teachers, Rajasthan University, India
1998 to 2005		Vaxjo University, Sweden
1988 to 1990		Dept. of History, Lund University, Sweden
1998		Dept. of Sociology, Stockholm University, Sweden
1997	} }	Dept. of Theology, Stockholm University, Sweden Dept. of English, Connecticut University, USA College for International Training, Vermont, USA
1995		Danish Centre for Conflict Resolution, Copenhagen, Denmark
1994		Seminar Series, House of Lords, London Dept. of Peace Studies, Bradford University, UK Dept. of Continuing Education, London University, U.K.
1993		The Institute of Education, London, UK Global Forum, New Delhi, India

- 1992** L'arche (The Community of the Ark) Montpellier, France
College for International Training , Vermont, USA
- 1988** Peace Research Institute, Goteborg, Sweden
Peace Research Institute, Uppsala, Sweden
Peace Research Institute, (PRIO) Oslo, Norway
Peace Research Institute, Tampere, (TAPRI) Finland
- Oct. 2 2014 **8th International Day of Nonviolence Lecture**
The Gandhi Centre, The Hague, Netherlands
- Oct. 2, 2010 **4thInternationalDay for Nonviolence Lecture**
The Indian Embassy, Copenhagen, Denmark
- Oct. 2, 2007 **1st International Day for Nonviolence Lecture**
International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan
- Sept. 2007 **3rd Global Summit for Ministries & Departments of Peace,**
Kisarazu, Japan
- July 2006 **16thInternational Congress of International Association of Group
Psychotherapy,** Sao Paulo, Brazil
- Oct. 2, 1994 **Public Lecture on the occasion of Gandhi's 125th Birth Centenary
Celebrations,** Stockholm, Sweden
- June 1992 **4th International Teachers for Peace Congress,** Paris, France
- June 1991 **International Physicians for Prevention of Nuclear War
10th World Congress,** Stockholm, Sweden
- June 1990 **3rd International Teachers for Peace Congress,** Budapest, Hungary
- May 1990 **Convention on International Cooperation & Education for
Sustainable Development,** Vardinge, Sweden
- July 1988 **International Fellowship of Reconciliation Council,** Assisi, Italy
- July 1988 **The Nordic Conference of Ecumenical Forum of European
Christian Women,** Sigtuna, Sweden
- July 1988 **The XIX War Resister's International Triennial Meeting,** Aland, Finland
20th Meeting In Finland Seminar, Turku
2nd International Teachers for Peace Congress, Bonn, Germany,
- 1987 **International Summer School, International People's College,** Elsinore, Denmark
International Peace Camps, Copenhagen, Denmark

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Indian Philosophical Congress

International Peace Research Association (IPRA)
Indian Association for Canadian Studies
Indian Peace Research Association
South Asian Fraternity
Gandhi Foundation, U K

STATUS IN NON-PROFESSIONAL BODIES

- 2013 to date: NGO Representative on the Advisory Committee on Prohibition of Sex Selection, Directorate of Family Welfare, Govt. of NCT of Delhi
- 2013 to date: Member on the Committee Against Sexual Harassment, Engineers India Ltd. (EIL) New Delhi
- 2013 to date: NGO Representative on School Management Committee Govt. Girls Sr. Sec. School No. 3, Kalkaji, New Delhi
- 1990 - 92: Member, Coordinating Committee, Global Awareness Interaction, Sweden
- 1981 - 83: Program Officer, National Service Scheme, India
- 1992 - to date: Founder President, Shanti Sahyog - Gandhian NGO
- 2015 - to date: Founder President, Shanti Sahyog Centre for Peace & Conflict Resolution

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