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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: 1<sup>st</sup> Edition, Published by Gandhi Peace Foundation, New Delhi, India

1996: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 **Synergy in Service**

*Deepalaya Fruitful Forty*, Editor Chetna Keer, Deepalaya

**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)

## TRAININGS / WORKSHOPS / PLENARY SPEECHES

on Gandhian Philosophy / Conflict Resolution

| Year | Institute |
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### 2019

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| June | Universal Peace Federation, Women's Federation for World Peace & Hindu Center Sewa Dhaam, The Hague, Netherlands |
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Church of Scientology, Amsterdam, Netherlands

MSc Sustainable Development Course

Utrecht University, Netherlands

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| May | Institute of Management Studies, Noida, U.P.<br>MGIEP, New Delhi (UNESCO) |
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| April | Tolstoy & Gandhi: Philosophical Horizons, Seminar<br>St. Stephens College, Delhi University |
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School of Education, G D Goenka University, Gurugram

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| February | World CSR Congress 2019, Mumbai |
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| 30 January | Desh Bandhu Gupta College, Delhi University |
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**Martyrs Day**

### 2018

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| November | Gandhi Centre, The Hague, Netherlands<br>Vrije University, Amsterdam, Netherlands |
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School of Management, GD Goenka University, Gurugram

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| <b>October 2</b> | <b>12<sup>th</sup> International Day for Nonviolence</b> |
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Gandhi Bhavan, Delhi University

Laxmi Bai College, Delhi University

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| September | Delhi Public School, Faridabad |
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VAPP, Lady Sri Ram College, New Delhi

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| August | Dept. of Social Work, Jamia Milia Islamia University, New Delhi<br>Cambridge School, Srinivaspuri, New Delhi |
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| June | Global Organization for People of Indian Origin (GOPIO)<br>Amsterdam, Netherlands |
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| March | 7 <sup>th</sup> Asiad Literature Festival 2018, India International Centre, New Delhi |
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| February         | Mata Sundri College, Delhi University   |
| January          | Miranda House, Delhi University<br>American Center, New Delhi   |
| <b>2017</b>      |   |
| October          | Global Organization for People of Indian Origin (GOPIO)<br>Den Hague, Netherlands<br>Brahma Kumari's Spiritual Academy, Rotterdam, Netherlands<br>Brahma Kumari's Spiritual Academy, Amsterdam, Netherlands |
| <b>October 2</b> | <b>11<sup>th</sup> International Day for Nonviolence</b><br>Gandhi, King, Mandela Exhibition<br>De Nieuwe Kerk, Amsterdam, Netherlands  |
| September        | Women Conclave 2017, Kirori Mal College, Delhi University<br>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,<br>celebrating Champaran <i>Satyagraha</i> Centennial<br><br>'Expressions India' Leadership Course in Life Skills & Wellbeing                    |
| March            | American Center, New Delhi  |
| January          | GYMKHANA LITERATI 2017, New Delhi   |
| <b>2016</b>      |   |
| October          | Gandhi Peace Foundation, New Delhi  |
| September        | Dept. of Gandhian & Peace Studies, Chandigarh, Punjab University<br>Consulate General of Canada, Chandigarh   |
| May              | All Ladies League (ALL), Women Economic Forum 2016, New Delhi<br>Gandhi Bhawan, Delhi University  |
| April            | Foundation for Peace Harmony and Good Governance, India Habitat Centre,<br>New Delhi  |
| March            | Philosophy Association, Mata Sundri College, Delhi University   |
| Feb              | Central Services Officers' Institute, New Delhi   |
| <b>2015</b>      |   |
| October          | The Theosophical Society of The Hague, Netherlands<br>International Relations Student Association, Netherlands<br><i>Arya Samaj</i> Association, Netherlands  |
| May              | Mongolian Institute of Literature and Social Work, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia  |
| April            | Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan, New Delhi  |

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| Spring              | Rotary Clubs, New Delhi   |
| March               | Teachers Workshop, Deepalaya School, New Delhi  |
| Feb                 | Gandhi Study Circle, Bharti College, Delhi University   |
| <b>2014</b>         |   |
| September           | Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB) New Delhi<br>On the occasion of BVB Platinum Jubilee  |
| <b>2013</b>         |   |
| December            | Girls Senior Secondary School No 3, Kalkaji, New Delhi  |
| October             | Bhatinda University, Punjab   |
| <b>2008 to 2011</b> | Folk University, Lund Sweden<br>Peace and Development Research Institute Goteborg University,<br>(PADRIGU) Sweden   |
| <b>2011, 2006</b>   |   |
| <b>2000-2003</b>    |   |
| <b>1999,1996</b>    |   |
| <b>2010</b>         | Chalmers University, Sweden<br>Malmo University, Sweden<br>Punjab Technical University, Jalandhar, Punjab, India<br>Centre for Women's Studies, Jaipur, Rajasthan University, India<br>Jamia Milia Islamia University, New Delhi, India   |
| <b>2009</b>         | Hebron University, Palestine/Israel,<br>INNATE – Irish Network for Nonviolent Action Training & Education<br>Irish School of Ecumenics, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland<br>Woodbrooke College, Birmingham, U.K.   |
| <b>2006</b>         | India International Centre, New Delhi<br>One World South Asia, India International Centre<br>Public Lecture in Stockholm<br>International Human Rights Day, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi<br>Rotary Award Seminar, PHD Chamber of Commerce, New Delhi,<br>Interim World Philosophy Congress, Delhi University |
| <b>2001, 2000</b>   | South Asian Studies Network - SASNET, Lund University, Sweden<br>International Women's Centre, Stockholm, Sweden  |
| <b>2000</b>         | Kristianstad University, Sweden   |
| <b>1999</b>         | Danish Anthroposophical Society, Copenhagen, Denmark<br>Gender Studies for University Teachers, Rajasthan University, India   |
| <b>1998 to 2005</b> | Vaxjo University, Sweden  |

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| <b>1988 to 1990</b> | Dept. of History, Lund University, Sweden  |
| <b>1998</b>         | Dept. of Sociology, Stockholm University, Sweden   |
| <b>1997</b>         | } Dept. of Theology, Stockholm University, Sweden<br>Dept. of English, Connecticut University, USA<br>College for International Training, Vermont, USA   |
| <b>1995</b>         |  |
|                     | Danish Centre for Conflict Resolution, Copenhagen, Denmark   |
|                     | Seminar Series, House of Lords, London   |
| <b>1994</b>         | Dept. of Peace Studies, Bradford University, UK<br>Dept. of Continuing Education, London University, U.K.  |
| <b>1993</b>         | The Institute of Education, London, UK<br>Global Forum, New Delhi, India   |
| <b>1992</b>         | L'arche (The Community of the Ark) Montpellier, France<br>College for International Training , Vermont, USA  |
| <b>1988</b>         | Peace Research Institute, Goteborg, Sweden<br>Peace Research Institute, Uppsala, Sweden<br>Peace Research Institute, (PRIO) Oslo, Norway<br>Peace Research Institute, Tampere, (TAPRI) Finland |
| Oct. 2 2014         | <b>8<sup>th</sup> International Day of Nonviolence Lecture</b><br>The Gandhi Centre, The Hague, Netherlands  |
| Oct. 2, 2010        | <b>4<sup>th</sup>InternationalDay for Nonviolence Lecture</b><br>The Indian Embassy, Copenhagen, Denmark   |
| Oct. 2, 2007        | <b>1<sup>st</sup> International Day for Nonviolence Lecture</b><br>International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan  |
| Sept. 2007          | <b>3rd Global Summit for Ministries &amp; Departments of Peace,</b><br>Kisarazu, Japan   |
| July 2006           | <b>16<sup>th</sup>International Congress of International Association of Group<br/>Psychotherapy, Sao Paulo, Brazil</b>  |
| Oct. 2, 1994        | <b>Public Lecture on the occasion of Gandhi's 125th Birth Centenary<br/>Celebrations, Stockholm, Sweden</b>  |
| June 1992           | <b>4<sup>th</sup> International Teachers for Peace Congress, Paris, France</b>   |
| June 1991           | <b>International Physicians for Prevention of Nuclear War<br/>10<sup>th</sup> World Congress, Stockholm, Sweden</b>  |
| June 1990           | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> International Teachers for Peace Congress, Budapest, Hungary</b>   |
| May 1990            | <b>Convention on International Cooperation &amp; Education for<br/>Sustainable Development, Vardinge, Sweden</b>   |

- 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**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Meeting In Finland Seminar, Turku**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

<https://www.shantisahyog.org>