

GANDHI JAYANTI CELEBRATION

Organized by: School of Education (Student Council)

Date: 1st October 2024

Venue: School of Education, SGRR University

Participants: B.Ed 1st Year Students

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INTRODUCTION

The School of Education at SGRR University observed Gandhi Jayanti on 1st October 2024. Gandhi Jayanti, celebrated on October 2nd each year, marks the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, born on October 2, 1869. He is revered globally as the “Father of the Nation” for his pivotal role in leading India to independence through the principles of nonviolent civil disobedience. The day is recognized as a national holiday in India, promoting values of peace, non-violence, and selfless service. Moreover, the United Nations commemorates this day as the “International Day of Non-Violence,” acknowledging his legacy and advocating for peaceful conflict resolution worldwide.

The event aimed to imbibe and reflect on Gandhian values through insightful speeches and creative activities, engaging the first-year B.Ed students in meaningful discussions on Gandhi’s principles and legacy.



EVENT OVERVIEW

The celebration was structured into two segments: **Thought Sharing** and **Artistic Expression**, ensuring a holistic tribute to Mahatma Gandhi's ideology.

Activity One: Thought Sharing and Reflections

The event commenced with a welcome address by the anchor of the day, Yuyutsa Bartwal. The presence of esteemed faculty members, including the Dean, **Professor Dr. Malvika Kandpal**, added to the significance of the occasion. The students expressed their thoughts on Gandhi Jayanti through speeches, poetry, and reflections.

- **Tanya** delivered an inspiring speech to honor another remarkable leader, **Lal Bahadur Shastri**, whose birthday coincides with Gandhi Jayanti. She highlighted Shastri's leadership during challenging times and his shared values with Gandhi, particularly his commitment to non-violence and peace.
- Following Tanya, **Anushka** and **Janisha** recited notable quotes and shared insights into Gandhi's teachings. Their reflections underscored Gandhi's contributions to India's freedom struggle and his timeless wisdom on self-discipline and moral courage.
- **Priya** captivated the audience with a heartfelt poem dedicated to the Mahatma, reflecting on his journey and profound influence on humanity.
- **Meetali** concluded the thought-sharing segment by presenting excerpts from Gandhi's autobiography, *The Story of My Experiments with Truth*. She elaborated on key themes such as Gandhi's unwavering commitment to truth, his emphasis on simplicity and self-service, and his fearless pursuit of justice.

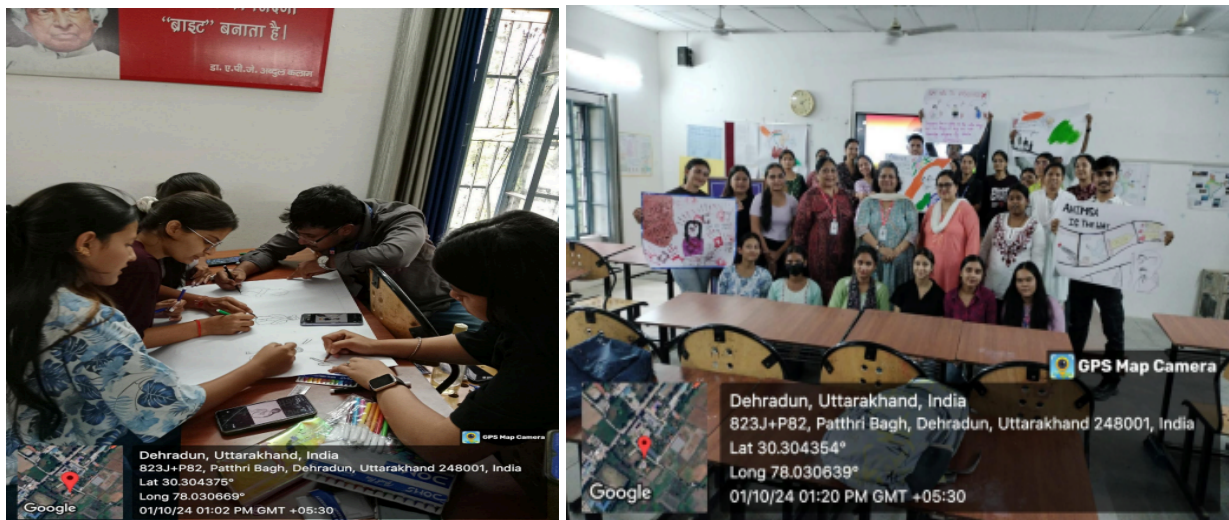


The session ended with a few words of encouragement and insights from **Professor Dr. Malvika Kandpal**, who appreciated the students for their active participation and reminded everyone of the importance of incorporating Gandhian values in everyday life.

Activity Two: Art and Creative Expression

The second segment of the celebration focused on engaging students in a **Poster Making Competition** on the theme: **"Say No to Violence."** The students were divided into five groups and given 45 minutes to express their thoughts visually. Each group approached the theme with creativity, showcasing diverse interpretations of non-violence and peaceful coexistence.

Upon completion, the Dean and faculty members evaluated the posters, appreciating the innovative efforts and the powerful messages depicted. The activity concluded with a group photograph, capturing the spirit of unity and enthusiasm among the participants.



CONCLUSION

The Gandhi Jayanti celebration at the School of Education, SGRR University, was a meaningful tribute to the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi. The event provided students a platform to express their understanding of Gandhian values through speeches and creative art. The thoughtful presentations and the vibrant posters reflected the students' deep respect and reverence for the teachings of Gandhi. The program ended on a high note, inspiring everyone to embrace the principles of peace, non-violence, and social harmony in their lives. The School of Education looks forward to organizing more such events to promote values that contribute to personal growth and societal betterment.