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REPORT ON THE 157th BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF MAHATMA GANDHI

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Introduction

The Department of History and the NSS Unit of Government Degree College, Jammalamadugu, jointly organized the 157th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on 2nd October 2026 with due respect and reverence. The programme was organised to commemorate the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, popularly known as the Father of the Nation, and to remind students and the college community of his ideals of truth, non-violence, simplicity, cleanliness, social responsibility and service to society.

The programme aimed not only to pay tribute to Mahatma Gandhi but also to create awareness among students about his contribution to India's freedom struggle and the relevance of his principles in contemporary society. As part of the celebrations, the college organized a commemorative programme followed by a Swachha Bharat cleanliness drive on the college campus. The event witnessed the active participation of the Principal, Vice Principal, teaching and non-teaching staff, NSS volunteers and students of the college.

Commemoration of Mahatma Gandhi's Birth Anniversary

The programme commenced with a respectful tribute to Mahatma Gandhi. The Principal of the college, Dr. M. Ramesh, along with the Vice Principal, teaching and non-teaching staff, NSS volunteers and students to Mahatma Gandhi by garlanding his portrait.

The floral tribute symbolized the collective respect and gratitude of the college community towards Mahatma Gandhi and his unparalleled contribution to India's freedom movement. The occasion also provided an opportunity for the students to reflect upon the values and principles that guided Gandhi throughout his life. The participation of the teaching and non-teaching staff and students demonstrated the collective commitment of the institution to preserving and promoting the ideals associated with Mahatma Gandhi.

Inaugural Address by the Principal

Dr. M. Ramesh, Principal, delivered the inaugural address. In his speech, the Principal highlighted the significance of celebrating Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary and emphasised the continuing relevance of Gandhian principles in the present-day world. He explained that Gandhi's life

and teachings provide valuable lessons in truthfulness, non-violence, discipline, simplicity, self-reliance and service to society.

The Principal encouraged the students to understand Gandhi not merely as a historical personality but as a leader whose principles can be applied in everyday life. He stressed the importance of responsible citizenship, social harmony, cleanliness and dedication to the welfare of the community. He also encouraged students to develop a sense of social responsibility and actively participate in programmes that contribute to the development and cleanliness of their surroundings. He appreciated the joint efforts of the Department of History and the NSS Unit in organizing the programme.

Address by the Vice Principal

Dr. S. C. Sanjeeva Reddy, Vice Principal of the college, also addressed the gathering. In his speech, he highlighted the historical significance of Mahatma Gandhi's contribution to India's national movement. He explained that Gandhi played a major role in mobilising ordinary people and transforming the freedom struggle into a broad-based mass movement. His methods of truth and non-violence became important instruments in India's struggle for independence.

The Vice Principal urged the students to learn from Gandhi's commitment, courage, discipline and dedication to the nation. He emphasized that students have an important role to play in building a responsible and progressive society. He encouraged them to uphold ethical values and contribute positively to their communities.

Speech by the Lecturer in History

Sri I. Nageswara Reddy, Lecturer in History, delivered a speech focusing on the historical role and contribution of Mahatma Gandhi. He explained the important stages of Gandhi's public life and his role in India's freedom movement. He highlighted Gandhi's philosophy of Satyagraha, or the pursuit of truth through non-violent resistance, and explained how it became an important feature of India's struggle against colonial rule.

The students were made aware of Gandhi's association with several important movements in India's freedom struggle and his efforts to unite people from different sections of society. His emphasis on truth, non-violence, communal harmony, social equality and self-reliance was discussed in the context of India's national movement. The speaker further explained that Gandhi's contribution was not confined to political independence alone. He also worked for social reform, rural development, sanitation, removal of untouchability, promotion of indigenous products and the upliftment of disadvantaged sections of society. The students were encouraged to study Gandhi's life and ideas critically and understand their historical importance as well as their relevance to present-day society.

Address by the NSS Programme Coordinator

Dr. S. Nagendra, NSS Programme Coordinator, also addressed the gathering and spoke about Mahatma Gandhi's emphasis on cleanliness, sanitation and community service. He explained that Gandhi considered cleanliness an essential aspect of a healthy and dignified society. His emphasis on

personal hygiene, sanitation and clean surroundings continues to be relevant today. The NSS, with its focus on community service and social responsibility, provides an appropriate platform for students to put these principles into practice.

Dr. S. Nagendra encouraged the NSS volunteers and students to take personal responsibility for maintaining cleanliness in the college and surrounding community. He emphasised that cleanliness should not be limited to special occasions but should become a regular habit and collective responsibility. He called upon the students to become responsible citizens by maintaining cleanliness, avoiding littering, protecting the environment and motivating others to participate in cleanliness and community-service activities.

Swachha Bharat Activity on the College Campus

Following the commemorative programme, the teaching and non-teaching staff, NSS volunteers and students participated in a Swachha Bharat cleanliness drive on the college campus. The activity was organized as a practical expression of Mahatma Gandhi's emphasis on cleanliness and sanitation. The participants cleaned various areas of the campus and worked together to improve the cleanliness and overall appearance of the college surroundings.

The students actively participated in the cleanliness activity with enthusiasm. They collected waste and cleaned the designated areas of the campus. The programme provided students with an opportunity to understand that cleanliness is not merely the responsibility of a particular group or authority but a collective responsibility of every individual.

The participation of the Principal, Vice Principal, faculty members, non-teaching staff and students made the activity a collective institutional effort. It also strengthened the spirit of teamwork, discipline and social responsibility among the students. The Swachha Bharat activity served as a practical demonstration of the ideals associated with Mahatma Gandhi. Through their participation, the students were encouraged to transform the message of cleanliness into action.

Importance of the Programme

The celebration of Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary was significant from both historical and educational perspectives. The programme provided an opportunity for students to learn about Gandhi's contribution to India's freedom struggle and his philosophy of life. The speeches delivered by the Principal, Vice Principal, Lecturer in History and NSS Programme Coordinator helped students understand different dimensions of Gandhi's personality and contribution. The programme particularly emphasized the values of truth, non-violence, discipline, social service, cleanliness and responsibility.

The subsequent cleanliness drive made the programme more meaningful by connecting Gandhi's ideals with practical action. Rather than limiting the observance to speeches and floral tributes, the college community translated the message of cleanliness into a concrete activity on the campus. The programme also promoted cooperation among the Department of History, NSS Unit, faculty members and students. Such activities help develop leadership qualities, teamwork, civic consciousness and a spirit of voluntary service among students.

Participation of Students and Staff

The programme was attended by the Principal, Vice Principal, teaching and non-teaching staff, NSS volunteers and students of Government Degree College, Jammalamadugu. The students participated actively in both the commemorative programme and the Swachh Bharat activity. Their participation demonstrated their respect for the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi and their willingness to contribute to the cleanliness and development of their institution.

The active involvement of the staff members also contributed to the successful conduct of the programme. The joint participation of all sections of the college community created a sense of unity and collective responsibility.

Programme Outcomes

The programme achieved several important educational and social objectives:

1. Awareness of Gandhian Principles: Students gained a better understanding of Mahatma Gandhi's ideals of truth, non-violence, simplicity and social service.
2. Historical Awareness: The speeches helped students understand Gandhi's role in India's freedom movement and his contribution to the nation.
3. Promotion of Cleanliness: The Swachh Bharat activity reinforced the importance of maintaining clean and hygienic surroundings.
4. Development of Social Responsibility: Students were encouraged to recognise their responsibility towards their institution and society.
5. Teamwork and Cooperation: The cleanliness drive provided students with an opportunity to work collectively towards a common objective.
6. Community Service Orientation: The NSS activity strengthened the spirit of voluntary service among students.
7. Civic Consciousness: The programme encouraged students to become responsible citizens who actively contribute to the welfare of society.
8. Environmental Awareness: The cleanliness activity created awareness about responsible waste management and the need to maintain a clean environment.

Conclusion

The 157th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi was observed at Government Degree College, Jammalamadugu, on 2nd October 2026 with due respect and enthusiasm. The programme, jointly organised by the Department of History and the NSS Unit, successfully combined remembrance, historical awareness and social action.

The floral tribute to Mahatma Gandhi by the Principal, Vice Principal, teaching and non-teaching staff and students reflected the respect of the college community for his contribution to the nation. The speeches delivered by Dr. M. Ramesh, Principal; Dr. S. C. Sanjeeva Reddy, Vice Principal; Sri I. Nageswara Reddy, Lecturer in History; and Dr. S. Nagendra, NSS Programme Coordinator, highlighted different aspects of Gandhi's life, philosophy and contribution.

The subsequent Swachh Bharat cleanliness drive provided a practical dimension to the celebration. By participating in the cleanliness activity, the staff and students demonstrated their commitment to maintaining a clean and healthy campus and to putting the message of cleanliness into practice. The programme successfully promoted the values of truth, non-violence, cleanliness, discipline, social responsibility and service to society among the students. It also strengthened the spirit of unity and cooperation within the college community.

The celebration therefore served not merely as a commemorative event but as an opportunity for students to understand the relevance of Mahatma Gandhi's ideals and translate them into meaningful action in their daily lives. The joint efforts of the Department of History and NSS Unit contributed significantly to making the occasion purposeful, educational and socially relevant.





విశాలాంధ్ర

విద్యార్థులు గాంధీ మార్గంలో నడవాలి : డిగ్రీ కాలేజీ ప్రిన్సిపాల్ డా. రమేష్



విశాలాంధ్ర-జమ్మలమడుగు : విద్యార్థులు గాంధీ మార్గంలో నడవాలని ప్రభుత్వ డిగ్రీ కాలేజీ ప్రిన్సిపాల్ డా. రమేష్ పేర్కొన్నారు. శుక్రవారం ఉదయం కళాశాలలో మహాత్మా గాంధీ జయంతి వేడుకలను ఘనంగా నిర్వహించారు. గాంధీజీ చిత్రపటానికి పూలమాల వేసి నివాళులర్పించారు.

కార్యక్రమంలో అధ్యాపకులు సంజీవరెడ్డి, నాగేశ్వరరెడ్డి, నాగేంద్ర, సుధీర్, సుదర్శన్, ఫీజికల్ డైరెక్టర్ షఫీ, బాలుతో పాటు నాన్ టీచింగ్ సిబ్బంది, విద్యార్థులు పాల్గొన్నారు.

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డిగ్రీ కళాశాలలో గాంధీ జయంతి వేడుకలు



జమ్మలమడుగు, అక్టోబర్ 2 (తరణ ప్రతినిధి): గవర్నమెంట్ డిగ్రీ కళాశాలలో ఘనంగా 157వ గాంధీ జయంతి

వేడుకలను ప్రిన్సిపాల్ డాక్టర్ రమేష్ అధ్యక్షతన నిర్వహించడం జరిగింది. ముందుగా ప్రిన్సిపాల్ మహాత్మా గాంధీ గురించి మాట్లాడుతూ సత్కంఠంతో అనే వంటివి ప్రతి మనిషి అలవాటు చేసుకోవాలి. అలాగే మనిషి యొక్క మనసు స్వచ్ఛమైన, పవిత్రమైనదిగా ఉండాలి అని తెలిపారు. భారతీయులు అందరూ గాంధీయ మార్గంలో నడవాలి అనే సందేశాన్ని తెలియజేశారు. కార్యక్రమంలో అధ్యాపకులు సంజీవరెడ్డి, నాగేశ్వరరెడ్డి, సుధీర్, సుదర్శన్, ఫీజికల్ షఫీ, నాన్ టీచింగ్ సిబ్బంది, విద్యార్థులు పాల్గొన్నారు.