
CENTRE FOR GANDHIAN STUDIES

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The Centre for Gandhian Studies at Naipunnya School of Management is dedicated to promoting the values and principles of Mahatma Gandhi among students, faculty, and the wider community. Established with the objective of fostering a deeper understanding of Gandhian philosophy, the Centre organizes various academic, cultural, and social initiatives that emphasize peace, non-violence, self-reliance, and ethical leadership.

Through seminars, workshops, awareness campaigns, and community outreach programs, the Centre aims to instil Gandhian ideals in contemporary society, encouraging responsible citizenship and sustainable living. The activities are designed to engage students in critical discussions on social justice, environmental conservation, and grassroots activism, making Gandhi's teachings relevant to modern challenges. By integrating his vision into academic and extracurricular endeavours, the Centre for Gandhian Studies plays a pivotal role in shaping socially conscious individuals who contribute meaningfully to society.

The Centre for Gandhian Studies at Naipunnya School of Management actively promotes the teachings and values of Mahatma Gandhi through various events and initiatives. During the academic year 2023-2024, the Centre organized three significant programmes aimed at instilling Gandhian ideals among students and the community.

In the academic year 2023-24, the Centre for Gandhian Studies at Naipunnya School of Management organized a series of impactful programs aimed at promoting the ideals and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi. The celebrations began with Gandhi Jayanti on October 2, 2023, featuring a prayer service, floral tributes, and a keynote address on the relevance of Gandhian values in modern society, followed by a student-led cleanliness drive reflecting Gandhi's vision of sanitation and self-discipline. On December 8, 2023, in observance of International Anti-Corruption Day, the Centre hosted an Elocution Competition to raise awareness about integrity, transparency, and ethical leadership, where participants eloquently expressed their views on combating corruption, inspired by Gandhi's commitment to truth and moral responsibility. To honour the sacrifices of Mahatma Gandhi and countless others who dedicated their lives to the nation, the Centre observed Martyrs' Day on January 30, 2024, with a moment of silent prayer and a discussion on Gandhi's contributions to India's freedom movement and his unwavering principles of non-violence. Through these initiatives, the Centre for Gandhian Studies successfully reinforced Gandhi's timeless values, inspiring students to embrace his teachings in their personal and social lives.

On October 2nd, in honor of Gandhi Jayanti, the Centre for Gandhian Studies organized a memorable event that blended meaningful service activities with the commemoration. At 10 AM, the gathering began at the esteemed PG Seminar Hall, where a devoted group of CGS volunteers, NSS volunteers, and the non-teaching staff of Naipunnya came together.



Inauguration of Gandhi Jayanti celebrations by Rev. Fr. Baiju George Ponthempilly

The event was opened by Mr. Jithin Babu, the Chief Coordinator of CGS, who delivered a warm and inspiring welcome address, setting the tone for the day. Reverend Father Biju George Ponthempilly then graced the occasion, lighting the ceremonial lamp and sharing his insightful words, which deeply resonated with the audience. The Assistant Executive Director of the college, Reverend Fr. Chacko Kilukkan, also attended, further honoring the event with his presence.

A key highlight was the screening of a moving short film, which offered a vivid portrayal of Gandhiji's remarkable life. This cinematic tribute was not just visually striking but deeply enlightening, offering valuable insights into the leader's struggles, principles, and legacy.

In collaboration with the college's NSS unit, a cleaning drive was launched along College Road at 10:30 AM. Armed with cleaning supplies provided by the dedicated non-teaching staff, the team worked together to remove plastic waste and clear blockages in the drainage system running alongside the road. By the end of the drive, the volunteers had filled five large bags with plastic waste, which were then handed over to the NSS volunteers for proper disposal.



Cleaning the drainage on Gandhi Jayanti

The task was successfully completed by 1 PM, signaling a job well done. As a token of appreciation for their hard work and dedication, the volunteers were treated to a tea and snacks session in the mess hall, offering a well-earned break after a day of meaningful service.



CGS Volunteers with Cleaning Staff and NSS Volunteers on Gandhi Jayanti

In commemoration of International Anti-Corruption Day, the Centre for Gandhian Studies (CGS), in collaboration with Naipunnya School of Management, organized an Elocution Competition on December 8, 2023. The event took place at the Seminar Hall in the PG Block of Naipunnya College, offering participants a platform to showcase their oratory skills while emphasizing the importance of effective communication and expression.



Elocution Competition: Welcome Speech

The program commenced with a warm welcome address by Mr. Jithin Babu, Chief Coordinator of CGS, setting an inspiring tone for the event. Following this, Mr. Nubin Babu, Coordinator of CGS, delivered a brief yet impactful message on the significance of eloquence and the role of such competitions in fostering strong communication skills. His words left a lasting impression on the audience. Ms. Sethulekshmi, Student Coordinator of CGS, then introduced the esteemed judge for the competition, Ms. Sreelekshmi K P, Assistant Professor from the PG Department of English.

Elocution competitions serve as a platform for participants to deliver speeches or recite literary works, demonstrating their oratorical abilities, pronunciation, and expressive skills. These competitions often focus on persuasive speaking, declamation, storytelling, poetry recitation, and the presentation of prepared speeches on specific topics. By participating, students enhance their public speaking confidence, critical thinking, and articulation, essential skills for personal and professional growth. Judges evaluate performances based on content, delivery, and overall presentation, providing constructive feedback to help participants refine their speaking abilities.

The United Nations (UN) observes December 9 as International Anti-Corruption Day to raise awareness about corruption and its negative impact on societies. This day encourages governments, organizations, and individuals to engage in anti-corruption initiatives and promote best practices to combat corruption worldwide.



Elocution Competition on International Anti Corruption Day

The competition began with a series of well-prepared speeches delivered by participants from diverse backgrounds, each showcasing commendable confidence and clarity. Ms. Sreelekshmi K P carefully evaluated each performance based on predefined criteria, including content, delivery, and overall presentation. After the evaluation process, she announced the winners and praised the participants for their exceptional performances. She also provided valuable feedback, highlighting strengths and areas for improvement. The winner of the competition was Mr. Noyal Babichan from S5 BSc Computer Science, whose outstanding speech earned him well-deserved recognition.



Elocution Competition: Result Announcement

The event concluded with closing remarks by Ms. Sethulekshmi, who expressed gratitude to all participants, the judge, and the organizing team. She extended special

thanks to sponsors, volunteers, and the college administration for their unwavering support in making the event a success. The competition not only encouraged healthy competition but also fostered learning, self-improvement, and a greater appreciation for the art of public speaking.

Remembering Mahatma Gandhi holds great significance in contemporary times for several reasons. In a world marked by conflicts and violence, Gandhi's philosophy of non-violence (ahimsa) remains a timeless and powerful source of inspiration. His teachings emphasize the effectiveness of peaceful resistance and dialogue in resolving conflicts and bringing about social change. As a staunch advocate of religious and communal harmony, Gandhi's ideals continue to promote tolerance, understanding, and respect for diversity, fostering unity in today's pluralistic societies. His relentless pursuit of human rights and social justice remains profoundly relevant, reminding us of the ongoing need to combat inequality, discrimination, and oppression. Honoring Mahatma Gandhi today reinforces values of peace, justice, sustainability, and ethical leadership, contributing to a more just, compassionate, and harmonious society.



Message by Mr. Jithin Babu on Martyr's Day

To commemorate Martyr's Day, the Centre for Gandhian Studies, in collaboration with Naipunnaya School of Management, organized a special event on January 31, 2024. Held at the Seminar Hall of the PG Block within Naipunnaya College, Cherthala, the program was a heartfelt tribute to the enduring legacy of Mahatma Gandhi.

The event commenced at 2:30 PM with a moment of silence, paying homage to the memory of Gandhi. Mr. Nubin Babu, Coordinator of the Centre for Gandhian Studies, delivered the welcome speech, extending warm greetings to all attendees. At 2:40 PM, Mr. Jithin Babu, Chief Coordinator of the Centre for Gandhian Studies, addressed the gathering, reflecting on the continued relevance of Gandhi's principles of non-violence,

truth, social justice, self-reliance, environmental sustainability, and personal ethics in today's world. His speech emphasized how these ideals remain essential in tackling modern challenges and shaping a more just, compassionate, and sustainable future.



Frames from documentary



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At 2:50 PM, an exhibition featuring a documentary on Mahatma Gandhi's life was presented. This comprehensive and immersive visual tribute captured key milestones, his role in the freedom struggle, personal life, and his enduring messages to humanity. The documentary, titled *"Mahatma Gandhiyude Jeevacharithram"*, produced by the Kuruthola Family and available on YouTube, provided an insightful portrayal of Gandhi's extraordinary journey. Through this film, his timeless messages of truth, non-violence, and social justice resonated deeply, reminding viewers of their relevance in today's world. The exhibition served as an educational experience, fostering a greater appreciation for Gandhi's contributions to peace, freedom, and social justice.

The event concluded at 3:25 PM with a vote of thanks by Mr. Akshai, Student Coordinator of the Centre for Gandhian Studies, who extended heartfelt acknowledgments to all participants and contributors. Their collective efforts ensured the success of this meaningful tribute to Mahatma Gandhi's life and legacy.



Documentary Presentation on Martyr's Day

These initiatives by the Centre for Gandhian Studies reflect its unwavering commitment to preserving and promoting the values espoused by Mahatma Gandhi. Through a diverse range of programs and activities, the Centre has actively engaged students and the broader community in meaningful discussions and actions that uphold the principles of non-violence, truth, integrity, social justice, and ethical leadership. By organizing events that highlight Gandhi's philosophy and its relevance in contemporary society, the Centre not only honors his legacy but also instills in young minds a deep sense of responsibility towards building a just, peaceful, and inclusive world. Through sustained efforts and innovative approaches, the Centre for Gandhian Studies reaffirms its role as a beacon of ethical learning and social transformation, keeping the spirit of Mahatma Gandhi alive for years to come.