

GANDHIAN STUDIES CENTRE

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SRI YERRAMILLI NARAYANA MURTY COLLEGE (Autonomous)

(Accredited by NAAC with “A” Grade)

NARSAPUR – 534 275, W.G.Dist., A.P.

ACTIVITIES OF THE CENTRE (1-4-2009 to 20-2-2010)

BOOK PUBLISHED AND RELEASED BY THE CENTRE: Gandhian Studies Centre of our college published a book on “Gowthami Satyagraha Ashram, E.G.dist., - A Study” written by Sri P.S.Pratap Raju, Teacher, Poduru and edited by Dr.D.Venkateswara Rao, Director, GSC. This book was released by Dr.S.V.Prabhath, Chairman, NCRI, Ministry of HRD, Hyderabad, on 12-5-2009 in our college. Sri GVVS Prasad, General Secretary, AP Sarvodaya Mandal, Hyderabad attended as guest of honour.

GUEST LECTURES ON GANDHIJI: Guest Lecture on “**Relevance of Gandhian Philosophy**” in Central Jail, Rajahmundry, was organized on 12-6-2009. Prof.P.Krishna Prasad, chairman, Board of Studies, Dept. of Politics & Public Administration, Andhra University attended as chief speaker.

Gandhian Studies Centre and Women Empowerment Cell, Sri Y.N.College, Narsapur, jointly organized a talk on “**Violence Against Women**” on 22-07-2009 at 11 AM in Sri Y.N.College. Smt. V.Sandhya, State President, Progressive Organisation for Women, Hyderabad attended as Chief Guest and Dr.Samata Roshini, Women Activist and Social Worker, Hyderabad attended as Guest of Honour. Sri A.Bapanna, Correspondent of Sri Y.N.College presided over the session.

A Guest Lecture on “**Gandhiji as a Journalist**” on 6-8-2009 at 3 PM in PG Seminar Hall also organized by the centre. Prof.B.Balaswamy, Chairman, Board of Studies, Dept. of Communication & Journalism, Osmania University, Hyderabad attended as a chief guest and key-note speaker on the occasion.

Guest Lecture on “**Gandhiji – A Pioneer of Movements**” in MVN JS & RVR Degree College, Malkipuram, E.G.Dist., on 07-08-2009 at 11 AM. Sri B.Satish Chander, Executive Editor, Vaartha Daily, Hyderabad attended as Chief Speaker. Principal Mr.Narayana Rao presided over the session. Mr.Satish Chander highlighted that Gandhiji in those days fought for non-violence with non-violent methods, but today our leaders are using violence for non-violence.

Gandhian Studies Centre, Sri Y.N.College, Narsapur organized a Guest Lecture on **“Gandhian concept of Freedom”** on 16-09-2009 at 11 AM in PG Seminar Hall. Prof. A.Prasanna Kumar, Director, Centre for Policy Studies, Visakhapatnam, attended as Chief Guest and Key-note speaker to the session. Dr.MVRK Narasimhacharyulu, Principal, presided over the session. Prof.I.Ramabhrahmaham, University of Hyderabad, attended as a guest of honour.

Organised a guest lecture in Central Jail, Rajahmundry on 1-10-2009 on **“Relevance of Gandhian Philosophy and Present Human Values”** by Prof.G.Haragopal, Former Dean of Social Sciences, University of Hyderabad. Jail Superintendent Sri A.G.Sainath Reddy presided over the session. Dr.D.Venkateswara Rao, Director, Gandhian Studies Centre, highlighted the importance of Gandhian principles.

Lecture on **“Gandhiji & Personality Development”** was organized for Prisoners of Central Jail, Rajahmundry, on 28-12-2009 by Prof.KGC Murali Krishna, Head of Civil Engg., JNTU, Kakinada. Jail Superintendent Sri A.G.Sainath Reddy presided over the session. Dr.D.Venkateswara Rao, Director, Gandhian Studies Centre, highlighted the importance of the character and its relevance.

ORIENTATION PROGRAMME ON GANDHIAN PHILOSOPHY:- A programme on Gandhian Philosophy and Thought was organized for the students of Dr.Sabita Junior College, Palakol, W.G.dist, on 28-08-2009 at 2 PM. Sri GVVSDS Prasad, General Secretary, AP Sarvodaya Mandal, Hyderabad, attended as Resource Person and Guest Speaker. Students actively interacted with the speaker and asked the questions about the practice of Gandhian Values.

Orientation programme on **“Gandhian Principles”** was organized for students of Sri Gayathri Public School, Narsapur, on 18-2-2010 by Prof.P.Mohan Rao, Head of Public Administration, Osmania University, Hyderabad. School Principal Smt.D.Subhashini presided over the session. Dr.D.Venkateswara Rao, Director, Gandhian Studies Centre, highlighted the importance of the Gandhian principles.

INAUGURATION OF CERTIFICATE COURSES ON GANDHIJI: Three months Certificate Courses on “Gandhian Philosophy and Thought” were inaugurated in DNR Govt. College for Women, Palakol, W.G.Dist., and MVNJS & RVR College, Malkipuram, E.G.Dist., on 22-07-2009 and 28-08-2009 respectively. Smt.V.Sandhya, State President, Progressive Organisation for Women, Hyderabad inaugurated the course in DNR Women’s College, Palakol and Sri GVVSDS Prasad, General Secretary, AP Sarvodaya Mandal & Coordinator, Wheel, NCRI, Hyderabad inaugurated the course in MVNJS & RVR College, Malkipuram, E.G.Dist. There are 60 students admitted in this course in each college.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS: Independence Day celebrations on 15-08-2009 were conducted in Sri Y.N.College. Dr.Turlapati Kutumba Rao, Senior Generalist and Padmasri Awardee attended as Chief Guest. He addressed the students on this occasion and distributed the prizes to student winners in various cultural and other events conducted by the college. Dr.Turlapati highlighted the sacrifices made by our freedom fighters and asked the students to remember the sacrifices that are the only respect we should pay them. College Management felicitated and honour the Guest on this occasion.

DRAWING COMPETITIONS TO STUDENTS ON GANDHIJI AND NATIONAL LEADERS: Gandhian Studies Centre was conducted District Level Drawing Competitions for students studying 6th to PG level on Gandhiji and National Leaders were held on 12-08-2009 in Sri Y.N.College, Narsapur. There were 60 students from 12 institutions attended to the competition. Following are the names of Prize winners. Dr.Uday Kumar, Popular Artist, acted as Judge for the competitions.

Juniors Group:

First Prize : Mr.MSL Sravanthi, 7th Class, Vishnu Public School, Bhimavaram.
Second Prize : P.Sai Teja 8th Class, ZPH School, Vissakoderu.
Third Prize : T.Priya Mallika 9th Class, Corbett School, Palakol.
Consolation Prizes : P.Bhaskar Sai 8th Class, Sri Gayathri Public School, NSP
R.Jyothi Yagnasri, 9th Class, Sri Vasista School, Narsapur.

Senior Group:

First Prize : Ch.Mutyala Naidu II Year Polytechnic, MRK Polytechnic, Veeravasaram.
Second Prize : D.Jaya Krishna 3rd year B.Tech, JITS, Kalagampudi.

PAINTINGS EXHIBITION ON FREEDOM MOVEMENT: On the occasion of Independence Day celebrations in the college, Dr.Uday Kumar, Popular Artist, painted the spot paintings on Freedom Movement continuously for 4 hours on the canvass cloth on 12-08-09 in the college. These paintings were exhibited for public on 15-08-2009 in the college campus. Dr.Turlapati Kutumba Rao, Padmasri Awardee, inaugurated the exhibition. The college management honour Dr.Udaykumar with felicitation.

GSC ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 16-09-2009: Advisory Committee meeting was conducted on 16-09-2009 at 10 AM in GB Hall of the campus. Prof.A.Prasanna Kumar, Director, Centre for policy studies, Vizag and Honorary member of GSC, presided over the meeting. Prof.I.Ramabrahmaham, University of Hyderabad, UGC nominee and Prof. ABSV Ranga Rao, Director, AU Gandhian Studies Centre, Vizag, attended the meeting. Dr.C.Satyanarayana Rao, Secretary & Correspondent of the college, Principal Dr.MVRK Narasimhacharyulu, PG Director Dr.N.Chinta Rao and Dr.D.Venkateswara Rao, Director, GSC also attended the meeting. They reviewed the programmes and activities of the centre for

the year 2008-2009 and appreciated the efforts made by the centre for the dissemination of Gandhian Thought and Philosophy. The committee made some advises to the centre for the year 2009-2010.

INAUGURATION OF GANDHI CERTIFICATE COURSE IN CENTRAL JAIL,

RAJAHMUNDRY:- Three months Certificate Courses on “Gandhian Philosophy and Thought” was inaugurated in Central Jail, Rajahmundry, E.G.Dist., on 30-09-2009. Padmasri Turlapati Kutumba Rao, Senior Journalist inaugurated the course and Prof.K.Nirupa Rani, VC of Aadikavi Nannaya University, Rajahmundry attended as Guest of Honour. There are 81 prisoners admitted in this Gandhi Certificate Course.

COMPETITIONS TO PRISONERS ON GANDHIJI ON 2ND OCTOBER: On the occasion of International Non-violence Day celebrations, on 2nd Oct., 2009, essay writing and elocution competitions on Gandhi were conducted in central Jail, Rajahmundry. There were 40 prisoners participated in this competitions. Prizes and gifts were distributed to prisoners.

ANDHRA UNIVERSITY INTER-COLLEGIATE ELOCUTION COMPETITIONS ON

GANDHIJI:- In association with Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, Gandhian Studies Centre was conducted AU Inter-Collegiate Elocution Competitions to college students on 2nd October, 2009. Prof.G.Haragopal, Dean of Social Sciences, University of Hyderabad attended as Chief Guest and Prof.OSRU Bhanu Kumar, Dean of Students Affairs, AU, inaugurated the competitions. There were 60 students from 22 colleges attended from East, West, Visakha & Vizianagaram Districts. Prizes were distributed to winners. The first and second prize winners are selected for National Competition on Gandhiji and Cooperative Movement to be held in Nagpur in the month of December, 2009. These two students will represent Andhra University for this national competition. On this occasion, GSC and college management felicitated Sri Pratti Seshaiyah, Freedom Fighter and Gandhian on the same day.

FLOOD RELIEF FUND AND MATERIAL COLLECTED FOR KRISHNA FLOOD

VICTIMS: In coordination with NCC, NSS and Community Service Centre of our college, GSC has collected cloths, Utensils, Rice and money in Narsapur Town on 9-10-2009 and handed over the same to the Narsapur Sub-Collector Mr.Ronald Rose for Krishna Flood victims. One lorry of cloths, utensils, 4 bags of rice and Rs.28,665/- cash were collected.

RELEASE OF NEWS LETTERS: Gandhian Studies Centre has been publishing the quarterly newsletters on centre activities and Gandhi Thought. Recently we released the third, fourth and fifth newsletters. The third newsletter was released by Smt.V.Sandhra, State President, POW, Hyderabad, Fourth Newsletter was released by Prof.OSRU Bhanukumar, Dean of Student Affairs, Andhra University and the Fifth Newsletter was released by Sri Mandali Budhaprasad, Former Minister.

PHOTO EXHIBITION ON GANDHIJI: Gandhian Studies Centre has conducted photo exhibition on Gandhiji in ZPH School, Mutyalapalli, Mogaltur Mandal on 10-12-2009 on the occasion of World Human Rights Day. All the students, nearly 2000, from schools and colleges in Mogaltur Mandal visited the exhibition. This exhibition was inaugurated by Sri Sattineni Mohan Rao, President, MPP, Mogaltur inaugurated. Another photo exhibition on Gandhiji was conducted and exhibited the photos on Gandhiji's life from 8th to 11th of January, 2010 in Sri Y.N.College, Narsapur, as a part of Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of Sri Y.N.College. High Court Judges Justice DSR Varma, Justice Bhavani Prasad, Justice C.Y.Somayajulu, Guhati High Court Chief Justice Sri Justice Chelameswar and other VIPs visited the exhibition.

ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION ON WORLD HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

CELEBRATION: On 10-12-2009 GSC celebrated the World Human Rights Day in ZPH School, Mutyalapalli, Mogaltur Mandal. Sri Sattineni Mohan Rao, MPP President, ZPTC, Village Sarpanch, teachers, villagers and students attended to this celebration. On this occasion GSC conducted a Mandal Wise Essay Writing Competition to 7th to 10th Class students on "Gandhiji as Humanist" in ZPH School, Mutyalapalli and distributed prizes to winners and participation certificates to all participants.

INAUGURATION OF GANDHI CERTIFICATE COURSE IN SRI Y.N.COLLEGE:

Gandhi Certificate Course was inaugurated in Sri Y.N.College, Narsapur on 10-2-2010 by Sri Mandali Budha Prasad, Former Minister and Gandhian. There are 40 students from PG & UG courses admitted in this course.

CERTIFICATES AWARDING CEREMONY IN DR.DNR WOMEN'S COLLEGE,

PALAKOL FOR GANDHI CERTIFICATE COURSE STUDENTS: When three months Gandhi Certificate course was completed in Dr.DNR Govt College for Women, Palakol, Certificates Awarding Ceremony was organized on 18-2-2010 in the same college. Prof.P.Mohan Rao, Dept. of Public Administration, Osmania University, Hyderabad, attended as Chief Guest to the function and awarded certificates to 72 students.