

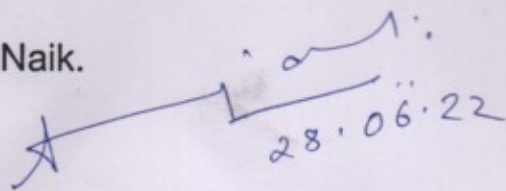
Department of English, Goa University conducted the following activities in commemoration of International Day of Non-violence from 29th September 2021 to 04th October 2021:

29th September 2021: Screening of Richard Attenborough's film "Gandhi" (1982) was organized in the online mode for the students of M.A. English (Part I and Part II) from 1.00 pm to 4.30 pm followed by a discussion on the film and life of Gandhi. The screening was attended by 65 students under the guidance of Asst. Prof. Poorwa Naik, Department of English.

30th September 2021: Lecture on "What does Gandhi's 'Non-Violence' mean to me?" by Prof. K. Sripad Bhat was organized in the online mode for the students of M.A. English (Part I and Part II) from 4.00 pm to 5.30 pm. The 'Pledge for Non-Violence and Peace' was administered to all the attendees of the programme. The lecture was attended by 55 students and also by the faculty members of the department.

04th October 2021: A poetry-writing competition on the theme of "Gandhi: Yesterday and Today" was held for students of MA English (Part I and Part II) in online mode. 18 students participated in the competition. The poems have been displayed on the notice board of the Department as visible in the photos included with this summary. The competition was judged by budding Goan writer by passion and a lawyer by his profession Adv. Shukr Usgaonkar who has authored two books titled "Straight from the heart" and "For Better or Verse" and by Mr. Avinash Pereira-Teacher Grade-I at MES Higher Secondary School, Zuarinagar-Goa. The first prize was won by Ms. Mekhla Salkar from M.A. English Semester I; the second prize was won by Mr. Jude Fernandes from M.A. English Semester III while the third prize was won by Ms. Claniffa Almeida from M.A. English Semester III.

The events were coordinated by Asst. Prof. Poorwa Naik.


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To,
The Vice Chancellor,
Goa University,
Taliegao Plaeatu.

Sir,

Please find enclosed a letter dated 15.9.2021 from the Chairman of Gandhi Research Foundation regarding Commemoration of 'International Day of Nonviolence' on 2nd October, 2021 alongwith a list of suggested programmes for a week from 29th September, 2021 to 4th October, 2021.

Hon'ble Governor desires that the Goa University and all the colleges affiliated to the University, particularly the youth organisations such as NCC and NSS should organise a week long celebrations to spread the message of nonviolence.

Yours faithfully,

(R.Mihir Vardhan)
Secretary to Governor

Encl.: As above



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15th September 2021

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To

Hon'ble Shri P.S. Sreedharan
Governor of Goa

Sub : Commemoration of 'International Day of Nonviolence' on 2nd October 2021.

Hon'ble Sir,

The United Nations General Assembly in 2007 decided to observe the International Day of Nonviolence each year on 2 October – the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. Amidst the increasing instances of violence and anxiety, it is pertinent that the world community commits itself to the path of nonviolence by observing the 'International Day of Nonviolence' on 2nd October, the day of Gandhi Jayanti in an appropriate manner. In this context I am attaching an appeal letter from Gandhi Research Foundation, Jalgaon. The letter outlines suggested activities that you may like to promote on the occasion.

While tensions seem to be arising, driven by conflicts related to various dimensions of identity, equity, access and security, recognition of non-violence as a central pillar of conflict resolution among humans should help making this world a better place. The purpose of sending this appeal to you is seek your support and help in reaching out the message of non-violence on the Gandhi Jayanti Day to various organisations and people connected with you and as suggested in the letter, to organize programmes/activities on that day to remind the people, especially the youth, of the culture of inclusive oneness.

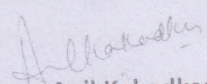
I would be most grateful if you would kindly write to the Universities and their social wings (NCC, NSS) in the state, with the request to organize this day elaborately, especially amongst the youth.

Considering the urgency for establishing a culture of nonviolence in the society, I am confident that your august office will ensure that this programme is organized. Special attention may be given to the 'Nonviolence Pledge' that can be administered at all levels on that day.

The global community has celebrated the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhiji during the last two years. It would be befitting that we continue to promote Nonviolence on Gandhi Jayanti Day with a view to perpetuate the legacy of the Mahatma.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,


Anil Kakodkar
Chairman

Enclosure: Suggested Programme & Oath.

Truth is God. - M.K. Gandhi

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Appeal to Commemorate

International Day of Nonviolence

The United Nations General Assembly declared 2nd October as the 'International Day of Nonviolence' in 2007. This day is dedicated to preserve and promote the culture of nonviolence, mutual appreciation among communities and to safeguard fundamental rights, namely freedom, justice and equal opportunities. Its aim is also to strengthen the spirit of democracy and secularism as well as to cultivate among individuals an aptitude for inclusive living and respect for diversity, by means of social education and communal harmony.

In our era, when the world is suffering under widespread political terror, when egocentrism is glorified as virtue, when ecological calamity (induced by modernity) threatens us with extinction, when violence deemed as infotainment, it is imperative, as a counter force, for us to rededicate ourselves towards the promotion of a harmonious lifestyle, exemplifying oneness, sharing and mutuality. The International Day of Nonviolence offers an occasion for this rededication.

Suggested Programmes for the Week of Nonviolence

You may declare the week (Sep. 29 – Oct. 04) as the Week of Nonviolence and organize a range of programmes each day; in view of the ongoing pandemic, these programmes can be conducted in an online mode, at your convenience. The programmes may focus on a whole spectrum of themes such as communal harmony, unity in diversity, inclusivism, social justice, youth empowerment, rural development, environmental sustainability, human rights and individual responsibility. These themes may be elaborated upon in the form of essay writing, poetry recitation, speeches, debates, quizzes, artistic/dramatic expressions, public exhibitions, demonstrations, documentary screening, etc.

Day 1	Sept 29, 2021	: Essay Writing, Speech Making and Slogan Writing
Day 2	Sept 30, 2021	: Quiz, Drawing Competition, Poems and Peace Songs; Exam, Q & A sessions about Peace, Nonviolence, and on nonviolent leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King Jr.; Presentations for the media; publishing articles and peace messages on social media.
Day 3	Oct 01, 2021	: Drama, Street Play and Musical Concert
Day 4	Oct 02, 2021	: Peace March & Gathering at the City Centre, Peace Demonstration with Placards, Banners, Public Meeting; Exhibition of Posters and Peace Pledge; Display of the outcome of Day 1-3; Power Point Presentation/Video Presentation
Day 5	Oct 04, 2021	: Swadeshi Day/Organic Day, Khadi Day; sale of literature on Nonviolence, Swadeshi, Mahatma Gandhi and other world leaders; Screening Films like Attenborough's 'Gandhi', Al Gore's 'Inconvenient Truth';

To celebrate the 150th birth anniversary of Gandhiji as well as Kasturba, the GRF initiated the "Bapu 150" programme (with the aim to bring about gram swaraj in 150 villages all over India).

In support of this nationwide initiative, you may also commit yourself to one or more of the following crucial projects:

1. Adopt a village and help the villagers achieve comprehensive transformation;
2. Organize an all-inclusive sanitation programme in a locality;
3. Organize de-addiction campaigns among the youth;
4. Initiate watershed management, particularly rainwater harvesting in villages;
5. Organize value education in rural schools.

Note: For further details or programme clarification you may contact GANDHI RESEARCH FOUNDATION or MUMBAI SARVODAYA MANDAL; for resource materials you may visit the web sites <http://www.gandhifoundation.net/>; or <http://www.mkgandhi.org/gposter/gposter.htm>

The above is merely a suggestion for a possible programme schedule. Please feel free to choose the themes that suit your preferences so that this week may be transformed into a real celebration for society.

We should also like to encourage you to write a short report of the programmes organized by you, and send this report (in printed or digital form) to the Gandhi Research Foundation (address given below), so that it may be published in our monthly bilingual magazine (Hindi English) Khoj Gandhiji Ki which has a very wide circulation.

You may also administer to the youth the 'Pledge of Nonviolence'.

Pledge for Nonviolence and Peace:

On this 'International Day of Nonviolence', we join the people of the world, to take this solemn Pledge that:

- We shall uphold peace in the world, between individuals and communities;
- We shall uphold a harmonious life with nature;
- We shall uphold truth and justice without fear or prejudice;
- We shall practise mutual love and nonviolence in our personal and social life;
- We shall respect all human beings equally regardless of race, creed, country, religion, language or gender;
- We shall work for the elimination of all instruments and weapons of violence;
- We shall not support or resort to violence and intolerance under any circumstances;
- We shall endeavour to resolve all differences through dialogue and constitutional means; And,
- We shall endeavour with all our might for creating a world of peace and harmony, justice and equality, love and oneness.

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