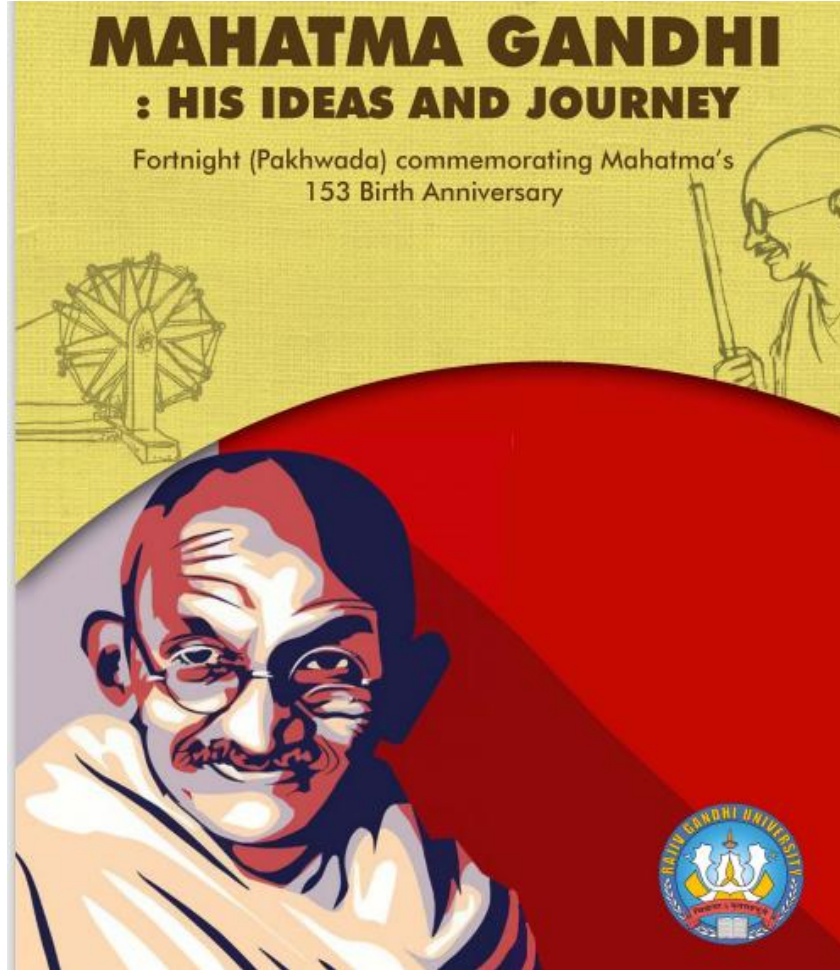


Report On
Fortnight (*Pakhwada*) Commemorating
Mahatma's 153 Birth Anniversary



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Shyam Narayan Singh
Convenor, Gandhi Pakhwada

Part 1: About the Institution

1.1. The University

Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU), formerly Arunachal University nestled atop Rono Hills on a picturesque table land of 302 acres is a premier institution of higher education in Arunachal Pradesh. Late Smt. Indira Gandhi, the then Prime Minister of India, laid the foundation stone of the University on 4th February, 1984 at Rono Hills, Doimukh. The University was converted into a Central University with effect from 9th April, 2007 as per the notification of the erstwhile Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. Since then, Rajiv Gandhi University has carved a niche for itself in the educational scenario of the country. Prof. C.L. Anand appointed in 1987 was the first Vice-Chancellor of the university whereas Shri A P Srivastava was the first Registrar of this University who served from 1985 till 1988. The University received academic recognition under section 2(f) from the University Grants Commission on 28th March, 1985 and started functioning from 1st April, 1985. It received financial recognition under section 12B of the UGC on 25th March, 1994. The University started its academic journey in the year 1988 with 48 students, 18 faculty members, and three departments namely History, Political Science, and Education. B.Ed. programme was started in the current campus whereas post graduate programmes in History and Political Science initiated with Jawaharlal Nehru College (JNC), Pasighat.

The teaching and research programmes of the University are designed to play a leading role in the socio-economic and cultural development of the state as well as the nation. The University has been consistently and effectively catering to the educational needs of the state of Arunachal Pradesh and the neighbouring states in the North East Region (NER) since its inception. The University has been extending educational facilities to the students from all over India.

Currently, the University offers Under Graduate, Post Graduate, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) and other skill-based Certificate and PG Diploma programmes through its different departments and centres. RGU is also offering graduate, post graduate and many certificate courses through distance

education. We are also reaching out to the remotest locations through affiliated colleges spread across Arunachal Pradesh. There has been exponential growth in the number of students over the years in various departments of the university and in its affiliated colleges..

The University has highly acclaimed faculty members. The faculty members are actively engaged in research activities with financial support from the UGC, DST-SERB, DBT, CSIR, ICSSR, NCW, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh and other funding agencies. Faculty members of the university have been awarded with prestigious fellowships by national and international agencies of repute. Faculty members of the university have successfully got registered for their patents. Also, the university has more than two hundred administrative and other non-teaching full time staff.

The University for its Academic Expansion has entered MoU with several institutions. Rajiv Gandhi University has also been closely working with state government of Arunachal Pradesh in research, innovations and other constructive ways. The departments of the university regularly organise capacity building programmes, seminars, workshops and conferences as part of their commitment towards academic excellence. Apart from the enthusiastic conduct and observance of Republic Day, Independence Day, International Day of Non-Violence (Commemorating the birth-anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi) the Rajiv Gandhi University had organized many flagship programmes of the central government.

RGU, the easternmost located central university of the country has kept behind many central universities in the race of academic achievement and secured second place in the rankings released by the Ministry of Education, Government of India, in 2020, by registering 83% in the grading of performance. The varsity lapped up the coveted title of 'Best Central University' in 2020 at the third Himalayan Educators Summit, 2020 and ranked third to receive the '*Divya*

Himagiri Himalayan State Education Excellence Award 2020'. These awards mirror RGU's hard work and the urge to excel.

Rajiv Gandhi University has earned the unique distinction of being the first university in the country to prepare First Human Development Report (HDR) of Arunachal Pradesh. The department of economics received a grant of Rs. 10 crore as corpus fund in union budget, 2012 for research and establishment of Centre for Development Studies (CDS).

The huge (81.37%) forest cover, zoo-geographic location, altitudinal variation, various vegetation, high rainfall, different climate regimes etc., contribute in making Arunachal Pradesh an extremely rich biodiversity region. Department of Zoology & Botany of this University has been recognized as the "Centre with Potential for Excellence in Biodiversity (CPEB)" in the year, 2002, vide UGC DO Letter No. F14-2/99(IUC/UNIV. Excellence), dated 23rd May, 2002. The Centre has successfully completed two successive phases of 5 years each.

The RGU added a priceless feather to its colourful cap by establishing the "Centre of Excellence on Sports Science Education and Research" under the scheme "National Centre of Sports Science and Research" (NCSSR) of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) to develop for the enhancement of the performance of Indian sportspersons in the international competitions. It is the first of its kind in the North-East India and only the 6th in the entire country. Under this, the University has started four (04) new departments for holistic development of youth. They are; (a) Sports Biomechanics, (b) Sports Physiology, (c) Sports Psychology, and (d) Strength Training & Conditioning. It envisions to infuse vigour and dynamism into the sporting culture of the university and the region as well.

Rajiv Gandhi University has been selected by the NITI Aayog to set up 'Atal Community Incubation Centre (ACIC)' for augmenting entrepreneurial acumen and capacity-building among the unemployed youth. As an integral part of the

'Indian Himalayan Central Universities Consortium' of NITI Aayog, New Delhi under UGC STRIDE Scheme, the RGU is contributing in collaborative research pertaining on five different themes.

The University received financial support of Rs. 10 Crore from Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of Science and Technology, Govt. of India under PURSE 2021 Programme. The university is assigned by the Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh to document the Unsung Heroes of Arunachal Pradesh who fought against British invasion. This year the University has partnered with the State Government for celebrating the golden jubilee of the State's foundation and the its naming as 'Arunachal Pradesh'. Presently, the University is celebrating the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' with a series of well-planned programmes and events, in a befitting manner.

The University adheres to the academic calendar, conducts the examinations, declares the results on time and organizes convocation every year on a fixed date as the part and culture of its best practices. In our pursuit to infuse and consolidate Constitutional Values and also those of Indian Freedom Struggle, during the convocation each year, university distributes Preamble of the Constitution of India and Fundamental Duties to all the passing out students along with their degree. In equity and diversity parameters, the University always has upheld a consistent and constructive role. Gender equality and promotion of indigenous students and learners with special abilities have been remaining a top priority for the university. Rajiv Gandhi University is creditably matching the new trends in the field of higher education and has assiduously maintained its scholastic distinction to enable the aspiring students keep abreast with their fellow students across the Nation and the Globe.

Vision

Rajiv Gandhi University aspires to be India's most vibrant, energetic, responsive and acclaimed University, to be recognized for excellence in teaching, research and providing the highest quality educational opportunities for the learners of all

communities. The University aims at nurturing their talent by promoting intellectual growth to shape their personality and serve humanity as multi-skilled, socially responsible, creative, adaptable, contributing and morally sound global citizens.

Mission

Our mission is to provide opportunities and support students from diverse background and assist them to become well-informed global citizens by developing their intellectual, moral, civic and creative capacities to the fullest through multi-faceted education and sustained engagement with local, national and global communities. The University also aims to carry out academic process for achieving excellence through active and dynamic student-teacher participation and inculcate high moral, ethical and professional standards among students which will enable them to develop knowledge and skills necessary to achieve their professional goals so as to improve the performance and also provide leadership and service to the community.

1.2. About the International Centre for Gandhian and Peace Studies

The International Centre for Gandhian and Peace Studies (ICGPS) has been established under the Department of History at Rajiv Gnahdi University for the promotion of Gandhian values and ideas. Prof. S N Singh and Prof. P K Nayak are looking after the centre as Coordinator and Deputy Coordinator respectively. The ICGPS has conducted several international and national programme on the ideas and ideals of Mahatama Gnadhi.

Part 2: About the **Gandhi *Pakhwada***

2.1. The Background

Mahatma Gandhi's life and times are meticulously documented thus paving way for re-examination and re-evaluation of his ideas and experiences. Notwithstanding the existence of a huge corpus of literature on Gandhian ideology and his arduous engagement with truth, practice of non - violent resistance and a range of issues that were intertwined with the sub continent's fortunes for three decades, it is felt that there is always room for new and critical perspectives regarding his ideas and philosophy. Such is the depth and sweep of his philosophy which can be described as eclectic and dynamic. Gandhi has always been and still continues to be quite relevant to not only India but entire humanity. The more we dissect his concepts of civil disobedience, Satyagraha and passive resistance, the more fresh insights we obtain. Critiquing Gandhi, therefore is a gargantuan task. However the need to critique Gandhi and commemorate his near impossible feats in regard to mobilization of masses and turning them into passive but dodged resisters are the bounden responsibilities of the civil society and academia.

In this backdrop the ICGPS, RGU and the RGNIYD NER Centre will observe Mahatma Gandhi's 153 rd birth anniversary by organising a slew of programmes for a fortnight (Pakhwara) beginning from 3 October 2022 to 17 October 2022 (15 days) after observing his birth anniversary on 2 October 2022.

2.2. Programme Objectives

The objectives of the programme are detailed below:

1. To enable the students, scholars and teachers of the RGU to enhance their understanding of Gandhian philosophy;
2. To facilitate the emergence of new perspectives in Gandhian thought; and
3. To popularise Gandhian concepts and precepts among the youth.

2.3. Expected Programme Outcomes

The expected programme outcomes are given below:

1. The Pakhwara will enthuse the student youth and acquaint them with concepts and values like austerity and simple living.
2. Participation in Shramdaan will uphold the principle of 'dignity of manual labour'.
3. The competitions will help the participants develop competitive spirit and hone their skills.

Part 3: Programmes **Conducted**

3.1. Gandhi Jayanti Celebration - The Inaugural Programme

On the occasion of 153rd Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi 2nd October 2022, RGU joined the nation in paying homage to the father of our nation. The program started with a floral tribute to the martyrs in the Wall of Heroes, which was followed by floral tribute to Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri in the Main Auditorium of the University.

Vice-Chancellor of the university Prof. Saket Kushwaha addressed the gathering through an audio message. Highlighting a slightly different view of Mahatma Gandhi's Ahimsa, he said Ahimsa doesn't mean the absence of violence, as violence for the protection of the nation was a necessity. He also spoke on the importance of seeing Mahatma Gandhi from his point of view rather than imposing our own. He also paid glowing tribute to Lal Bahadur Shastri on his 118th Birth Anniversary on the occasion while recollecting his simplicity and straightforwardness in public life.

Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Amitav Mitra described Mahatma Gandhi as a visionary economist. He said Gandhiji believed if we want to develop India, we should develop the rural areas first. He also laid emphasis on the idea of being self-reliant. Speaking on Lal Bahadur Shastri, he said Shastriji was a humble and visionary agriculturalist who inspired the idea of green revolution as captured in his slogan 'Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan'.

The Registrar Dr. N.T. Rikam said Gandhi is not merely a leader but a way of life. He also highlighted the importance of emulating Gandhi's method of silent protest as way of expressing our grievances against any authority rather than adopting violence. He encouraged the youth to carry forward the message of Gandhi.

Prof. S.N. Singh, Coordinator of the programme, highlighted the importance of the day and said that Mahatma Gandhi still lives within and amongst us as a

guiding force across the globe. He also announced that the International Centre for Gandhian and Peace Studies (ICGPS) has chalked out a plan of fifteen days, named 'Pakhwada' on Mahatma Gandhi in collaboration with Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, NER Centre, RGU and several departments of the university, beginning on 3rd and culminating on 17th October for dissemination of Gandhian values, ideas and sensibilities.

Prof. P.K. Nayak welcomed the gathering. While highlighting the importance of Gandhi's ideas and values, he said scholars around the world are still trying to learn him. Through the spinning wheel, swaraj, swadeshi, truth and non-violence Gandhi attracted every section of the Indian society. He also spoke on how Lal Bahadur Shastri rose from a simple person to the office of the Prime Minister of India.

The occasion became more auspicious and meaningful with musical tribute of 'Ramdhun' and 'Bhajans' by students from the Department of Fine Arts and Music while students from Department of History presented a live demonstration of Charka spinning.

The program got concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Prof. K. C. Mishra, Department of English.

3.2. Exhibition – Role of Press in the Nationalist Movement

The RGNIYD North Eastern Regional Centre curated an exhibition titled " Role of Press in Nationalist Movement" as part of the Gandhi Jayanthi Pakhwara (3-17 October 2022). The objectives of the exhibition are i) to throw light on the details of numerous famous as well as lesser known magazines and news dailies of different languages and regions of the sub-continent that took up the cudgels against the colonial rule and ii) create awareness about the same among the youth. The exhibits displayed news clippings about the nationalist movement and important events covered by 57 newspapers and magazines of that era. The

exhibition also focused on the news coverage of Gandhiji's leadership and death. The exhibits contained news items/clippings, pictures of the editors along with short description of 57 news papers/magazines and quotes of famous people on Mahatma Gandhi and the news about him in foreign press. The exhibition was found to have generated interest among the young people about the nationalist movement and its various dimensions. The Pro Vice Chancellor of RGU Prof Amit Mitra inaugurated the gallery and appreciated the work. He also urged the organisers to document it and disseminate among larger audiences. Internationally renowned Gandhian Prof. Gollanpalli Prasad, Gandhi King Foundation, Hyderabad and Prof. Christian Ulrich Bartolf, Free University, Berlin and President, Gandhi Information Centre, Berlin, Germany also visited the exhibition and recorded their appreciation. Scores of students and teachers of RGU appreciated the project for its content and relevance.





3.3. Singing and Elocution Competition

The RGNIYD NER Centre organised singing and elocution competitions for the students of Government Higher Secondary School, Doimikh on 3rd October. The themes of the competitions were Gandhiji and patriotism. Dr. David Partin, Joint Registrar, Academic and Conference, RGU gave away the prizes to the winners on 10-10-2022.



3.4. Painting Competition

During the fortnightly programme on Gandhi. The painting competition was conducted at the Government School situated at RGU campus. The students enthusiastically participated in the competition. The winners of the competition were awarded during the validictory programme of the fortnight pakhwada.



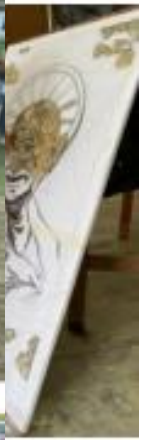
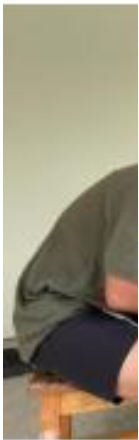
3.5. Sculpting/ Mosaics Competition

On the occasion of Mahatma Gandhi's 153rd birth anniversary, the Department of Fine Arts with young art students paid tribute to the Father of the Nation "Mahatma Gandhi" through aesthetic expression in form of mosaic. The way that "Bapu" is affectionately remembered in the country, the students of visual arts at our university have paid homage to Gandhi's objective, thoughts, and philosophy through their art by participating in this art competition titled "MOSAICS COMMEMORATING GANDHI-2022". Wherein the art students effectively communicated their thoughts in the Gandhi Pakhwada of a week, as evidenced by their work done with full dedication and hard work. The university also provided the students with the necessary facilities for mosaic production. Here's how we got students to pay reverence to Gandhi through art. Students captured the Dandi March - a pivotal point in India's quest for independence, as well as some other significant engagement for the nation. These Mosaics literally freeze a moment in time and serve as a reminder of that period. Looking at the artwork, one can immediately sense the "movement," a sense of urgency and resolve eloquently portrayed by the march made by them.

Along with this, art students conveyed Gandhi's beliefs, such as peace, nonviolence, and so on, with the overall goal of presenting Gandhi's zeal for independence and patriotism through his symbols, icons, and thoughts. Students who took part include Diwanso Tamai, Athai Joham, Revika Burang, Puja Lamgu, Chuku Epa, Nyaamem Jini, Bullo Tasang, Chaiwang Wangsa, Khambiangbor Lyngdoh, Kilmanroy L. Mawlong, Michi Tasar, JhumkenTacha, Yambu Kong, Shrepraksha Pal, Nehborlong K. Jana. At the conclusion of the program, an art exhibition was held in the miniauditorium, with the chief guest being RGU Vice Chancellor Prof. Saket Kushwaha and first lady of campus Mrs. (Dr.) Kushwaha, whose presence increased the value of the program by coming and increasing the enthusiasm of the students, and who were honoured with certificates and prizes received by the Vice Chancellor of RGU. Mr. Chuku Epa (1st prize), Miss. Revika Burang (2nd prize), and Mr. Kylman Roy (3rd prize) were the winning art

students, with Miss. Pooja Lamgu receiving the consolation prize. Everyone contributed to the success of this event, which was finished under the supervision of Mr. Manoj Baviskar and the chairmanship of the department's Hod (I/C), Punyo Chobin, and the other faculties, Assit. Professor Mr. Ashok Barman, Dr. Shashi Kala Singh, of the Department.





Exhibition of Mosaic Works

3.6. Essay Competition

During the fortnightly programme on Gandhi. The essay competition was conducted at the Government School situated at RGU campus. The students enthusiastically participated in the competition. The winners of the competition were awarded during the validictory programme of the fortnight pakhwada.



3.7. International Symposium on Gandhian Ideas

One Day International Symposium on 'Gandhian Ideas' as part of series of programmes under the grand celebration of "Pakhwada on Mahatma Gandhi" which marks the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti was organized on 3rd of October, 2022 celebrating the 153rd Birth Anniversary of our father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi.

Prof. Christian Bartolf in his keynote address of the symposium presented five writings of Gandhi. He said, "I will certainly not talk about Gandhi, but I want to share with you five texts that are of particularly great importance, which he wrote not only for India but for the world." He then explained in a nice narrative format of the writings of Gandhi and their communications with other world reformers.

Prof. Gollanapalli Prasad of Gandhi-King Foundation, Hyderabad in his speech said it was a very fascinating experience visiting many universities of the country in the last few weeks. He said that we have gained enough confidence, confidence that Gandhi is still alive, and Gandhi is in demand. He talked about the Gandhian ideas, where he broadly put it as two principles, which are truth and non-violence. He put the idea of Gandhi as simple and fundamental that cannot be complicated to understand by anyone. Prof. Prasad categorically went into explaining the fundamental concepts of the Gandhian ideas of 'Sarvodaya, Swaraj, Swadeshi and Satyagraha'.

Prof. Saket Kushwaha, Vice Chancellor of the university, gave an inspiring speech where he explained Gandhiji in a mathematical sense and said that Gandhiji is inversely proportional to the probability of nuclear war. Meaning if we follow the Gandhian ideas of life, the chances of war occurring will get lesser and lesser. He advised to the younger generation to spend more time with wiser people as they are the ones who prescribe better advice. He reiterated that students who come to the university are to gain knowledge and wisdom so that they can play an important role in the society.



Prof. A. Mitra, Pro Vice Chancellor of the university, in his video message to symposium referred to Gandhiji as a great economist. He said that Gandhiji preached about the need of self-sufficiency which is only now realised as a policy called Atma Nirbhar Bharat. Gandhiji also gave immense importance to the conservation of environment and he quoted that “there is enough for everybody’s need but not enough for everybody’s greed”. Presently our earth is suffering from global warming and resource management which would not have happened if we would’ve learnt from Gandhiji, Prof. Mitra added.

Dr. N.T. Rikam, Registrar of the university, spoke about the importance of the symposium and also the relevance of Gandhi in the modern times. He said, Gandhi is known to everyone of us but the only difference is upon how we perceive him. He added that Gandhiji is a way of life not only for the Indians but for everyone in the world.

Prof. S.N. Singh, the programme coordinator threw light on the concept of the programme. He said that the International Centre for Gandhian and Peace Studies (ICGPS) of the university has been conducting series of such programmes to highlight the importance of Mahatma Gandhi which is the need of the hour. He also added that Mahatma Gandhi has been a colossus and a big towering influence over our nation, state and society.

Dr. Kottu Sekhar from Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD) shared his thoughts about his institute in collaborating with RGU for the symposium. He said that RGNIYD is offering many courses and research in youth development. He also invited to witness an exhibition which is being put up as a



part of celebration on “Role of Press in the Nationalist Movement” in the university campus.

Prof. Ashan Rididi, Head of the Department of History gave the welcome address. While welcoming the dignitaries, he said that its fortunate that the university has experienced many of eminent speakers highlighting the ideas of Gandhi and his teachings.

Prof. P.K Nayak, Deputy Coordinator of ICGPS extended the vote of thanks to the learned dignitaries and august gathering. The symposium was well attended by many Deans, Heads of Departments, teaching and non-teaching staffs. Many students from different departments also attended the programme.

3.8. Street Play – Har Din Gandhi, Har Dil Gandhi

To mark the occasion of Mahatma's 153rd Birth Anniversary more meaningful and enriching outreach activities were conducted to disseminate the ideas and ideals of Mahatma Gandhi to the society. In this context, Street Play on Har Din Gandhi, Har Dil Gandhi was conducted by the students of the Department of Social Work, RGU on important themes of Gandhian values such as satya, ahimsa and non-violence. Students also gave a message to remove untouchability and promote swachhta in the society. The message conveyed through the street play was well appreciated by the society. The street play was conducted on four different places – Doimukh Market, RGU Market, RGU Library, and NERIST Gate.



3.9. Bhajan Competition

The Department of Fine Arts and Music conducted a Bhajan Competition dated 13 October, 2022 on the occasion Gandhi Jayanti. The Bhajan competition was conducted through online mode. There were six participants among them 1st Position was secured by Nyamin Ado whereas Manisha Kalita and Michi Ajay secured 2nd and 3rd positions respectively.

3.10. Screening of Film 'Gandhi'

Organising committed screened the Oscar winning movie 'Gandhi' by Richard Attenborough to disseminate the message of Mahatama's life and philosophy. Students and faculty members of the Department of English, History, Social Work, Fine Arts and Music attended the movie screening programme.

3.11. Shramdaan

The NSS CELL of Rajiv Gandhi University (A Central University) Rono Hills, Doimukh, Arunachal Pradesh organized Shramdaan at the University Health Centre on 13 October, 2022 at 6 AM in collaboration with Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development NERC, RGU Doimukh. The aim of the event was to promote introduce health and hygiene amongst the volunteers in identifying the ways and means to develop a hygienic campus through dialogue and shramdaan. The event was attended by Prof. S.N. Singh, Coordinator of Gandhi Jayanati Pakhwara, Dr. Tana Akin Tara, Medical Officer, Dr. A. Mili, Coordinator NSS RGU, Staffs of Health Centre and 26 NSS volunteers.

3.12. Valedictory Programme

A programme titled 'A pakhwada (fortnight) on Mahatma Gandhi' concluded at the mini-auditorium of Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) here on Sunday.

The celebration of 'Pakhwada (fortnight) on Mahatma Gandhi' ended with a musical tribute, and prize distribution to the winners of various competitions held during the fortnight. The programme witnessed students from different departments presenting an act of spinning the charkha, which was Gandhiji's loved instrument, symbolising respect for manual labour and steadfast dedication to the purpose. The department of fine arts & music brought out a dance which was based on a video of Mahatma Gandhi with his real voice, where he was giving a speech. Students of the social work department presented a skit, "highlighting the message against domestic violence and class discrimination that Mahatma Gandhi always advocated. An act on Gandhi's clean India vision, 'Swachh Bharat', was also showcased in the skit.

While speaking on the occasion, RGU Vice Chancellor Prof Saket Kushwaha in his speech described Mahatma Gandhi as "the master key for solving all our problems and providing solutions." He spoke also about the reason behind Gandhi always wearing only a dhoti and a chaadar. "Gandhi believed in necessity and always used what was necessary and did not look for luxury," Prof Kushwaha said, adding that "the society will grow when we balance between those who have everything and those who do not have." He said that "economic equity is the need of the hour". He encouraged the students to "always keep the environment and surroundings clean, not for the sake of any validation or achievement, but for the country and ourselves." He also urged all to "cultivate the culture of work and bring the required changes, starting with us." Prof S N Singh, Convenor of Gandhi Pakhwada proposed the vote of thanks to all the dignitaries and contributors of the programme. The valedictory programme was attended by a large number of students, faculty members and other officials of the university.

Part 4: Annexure

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Annexure 4.1.: Programme Schedule

International Centre for Gandhian and Peace Studies (ICGPS)
Department of History, Rajiv Gandhi University

CELEBRATION OF 153RD BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF MAHATMA GANDHI

Gandhi Pakhwara Schedule (3rd to 17th October 2022) (Har Din Gandhi Har Dil Gandhi)

- 3rd October (Monday): Inauguration of Exhibition curated by RGNIYD, NER Centre, by Honourable Pro Vice-Chancellor
(Theme: Role of Press in the Nationalist Movement)
&
Elocution and Singing Competition
- 6th October (Thursday): Painting Competition at RGU Campus School
(Supervision: Prof. K.C. Mishra, Dept of English, RGU)
- 7th October (Friday): Essay Competition at RGU Campus School
(Supervision: Dept of English, RGU)
- 9th October (Sunday): International Symposium on Gandhian Ideas (Special Lectures by Prof. Gollanapalli Prasad and Prof. Christian Ulrich Bartolf)
(10:00 am onwards at Mini Auditorium, RGU)
- 11th October (Tuesday): Launch of 'Har Din Gandhi' - A Street Play
(Supervision: Dr K P Singh, Dept of Social Work, RGU)
- 13th October (Thursday): Bhajan Competition
(Supervision: Mr. Ashok Barman, Dept. of Fine Arts and Music, RGU)
- 14th October (Friday): Importance of Being Gandhi
(Screening of a film on Gandhi, 12:00 noon)

Shramdaan by NCC Volunteers, RGU
(Supervision: Dr. Vivek Singh, NCC Officer, RGU)
- 15th October (Saturday): Shramdaan by NSS Volunteers, RGU
(Supervision: Dr. Anil Mili, Dept. of Physical Education, RGU)
- 17th October (Monday): Street Play (Supervision: Dept of Social Work, RGU)
followed by
VALEDICTORY

Annexure 4.2.: Organising Team



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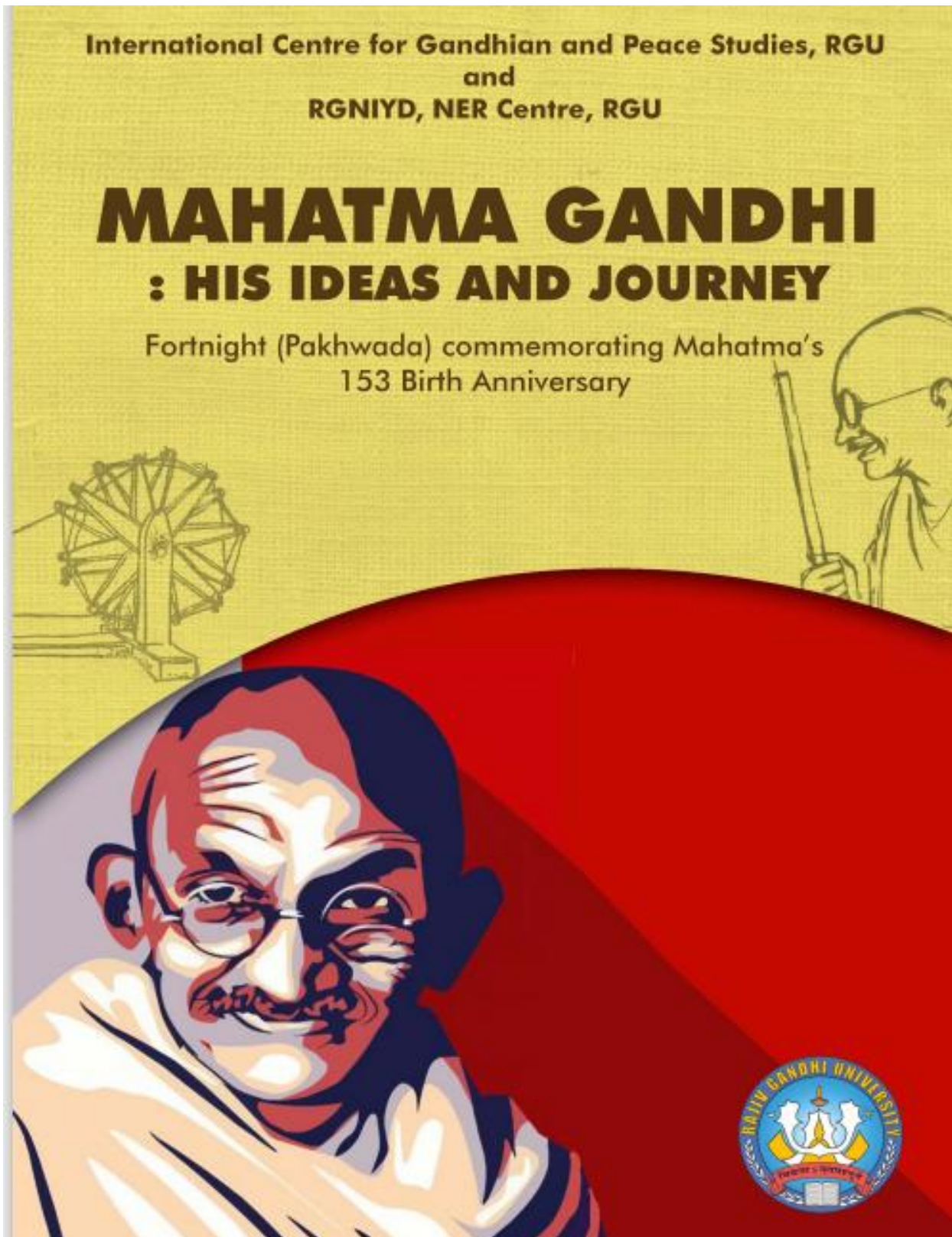
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Annexure 4.3.: Programme Flyer





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(3rd – 17th October, 2022)

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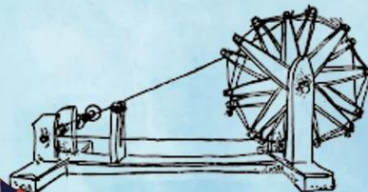
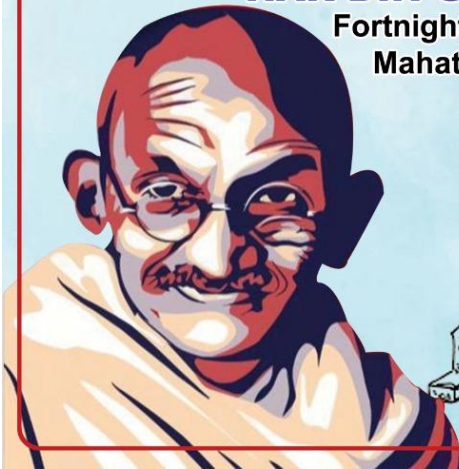
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A Street Play

HAR DIN GANDHI, HAR DIL GANDHI

Fortnight (Pakhwara) commemorating
Mahatma's 153 birth anniversary



Annexure 4.4.: Media Coverage

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Arunachal: A Pakhwada on Mahatma Gandhi ended at RGU

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ITANAGAR- Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) celebrated the valedictory function, marking the end of 'A Pakhwada on Mahatma Gandhi' and titled "Har Dil Gandhi, Har Din Gandhi" here in the mini auditorium. The fortnight long celebrations ended with a musical tribute and prize distribution for all the competitions held during the Pakhwada.

Vice Chancellor Prof. Saket Kushwaha and the first lady of RGU Dr. Vaishali Kushwaha lit up the ceremonial lamp and offered the prayers to the father of the nation.

The programme witnessed students from different departments presenting an act of spinning the charkha, which was Gandhiji's loved instrument symbolising respect for manual labour and steadfast dedication to the purpose. In the process, beautiful classical dance steps were incorporated highlighting the words of Gandhiji. The department of fine arts and music brought out a dance which was based on a video of Mahatma Gandhi with his real voice, where he was giving a speech.

A skit was performed by the department of Social Work highlighting the message against domestic violence and class discrimination that Mahatma Gandhi always advocated. Another act on Gandhi's clean India vision, 'Swachh Bharat' was also showcased in the skit.

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Vice Chancellor Prof. Saket Kushwaha in his speech described Mahatma Gandhi as the master key for solving all our problems and providing solutions. He also talked about the reason behind Gandhi Ji always seen with only a dhoti and a chaadar. Gandhi believed in the necessity and always used what was necessary and did not look for luxury. Prof Kushwaha pointed out that the society will grow when we balance between those who have everything and those who do not have. Economic equity is the need of the hour, he added. He encouraged the students to always keep the environment and surroundings clean not for the sake of any validation or achievement but for the country and ourselves. In conclusion, Prof. Saket Kushwaha called upon all to cultivate the culture of work and bring the required changes starting with us.

Prizes were distributed to winners in all the competitions held during the Pakhwada.

Professor SN Singh, the chairman of the celebrating committee and co-ordinator of the International Centre for Gandhian and Peace Studies, gave the vote of thanks. He said that the Pakhwada that was supposed to have finished within 15 days went on for more than a month and that he described, "maybe because Gandhi Ji wanted to stay longer with us." Through the programme, he hoped, the ideas of Gandhiji would be kept alive and prevented from getting fossilized. He said, Gandhiji is still alive in all of us, and his message and method should reach to larger audience. He thanked each co-ordinator and students who made the program a success.

The programme was attended by huge numbers of students, faculty members and other officials of the university.

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'Mahatma Gandhi fortnight' held at RGU

November 7, 2022

RONO HILLS, 6 Nov: A programme titled 'A pakhwada (fortnight) on Mahatma Gandhi' concluded at the mini-auditorium of Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) here on Sunday.

The celebration ended with a musical tribute, and prize distribution to the winners of various competitions held during the fortnight.

"The programme witnessed students from different departments presenting an act of spinning the charkha, which was Gandhiji's loved instrument, symbolising respect for manual labour and steadfast dedication to the purpose," the university's PRO stated in a release.

"The department of fine arts & music brought out a dance which was based on a video of Mahatma Gandhi with his real voice, where he was giving a speech," the release stated.

Students of the social work department presented a skit, "highlighting the message against domestic violence and class discrimination that Mahatma Gandhi always advocated," it added.

"An act on Gandhi's clean India vision, 'Swachh Bharat', was also showcased in the skit," the release said.

RGU Vice Chancellor Prof Saket Kushwaha in his speech described Mahatma Gandhi as "the master key for solving all our problems and providing solutions." He spoke also about the reason behind Gandhi always wearing only a dhoti and a chaadar. "Gandhi believed in necessity and always used what was necessary and did not look for luxury," Prof Kushwaha said, adding that "the society will grow when we balance between those who have everything and those who do not have."

"Economic equity is the need of the hour," he added, and encouraged the students to "always keep the environment and surroundings clean, not for the sake of any validation or achievement, but for the country and ourselves."

He also urged all to "cultivate the culture of work and bring the required changes, starting with us."

Prof SN Singh also spoke.

The programme was attended by a large number of students, faculty members and other officials of the university, the release stated.

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RGU spotlight on Gandhian ideas

📅 October 10, 2022 📍

RONO HILLS, Oct 09: The Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) organised a one-day international symposium on 'Gandhian Ideas' as part of a series of programmes under the grand celebration of "Pakhwada on Mahatma Gandhi" that marks his 153rd birth anniversary.

It started on October 3 and will continue till October 17.

Christian Bartolf in his keynote address presented five writings of Gandhi and explained why these were not only for India but also for the world beyond.

Gollanapalli Prasad of the Gandhi-King Foundation, Hyderabad said it was a very fascinating experience visiting many universities of the country in the last few weeks. He encapsulated the Gandhian ideas broadly into the principles of truth and non-violence.

"The idea of Gandhi is simple and fundamental," he said, explaining 'Sarvodaya, Swaraj, Swadeshi and Satyagraha', which the icon of global peace stood for.

RGU Vice-Chancellor Saket Kushwaha explained Gandhi in a mathematical sense and said the statesman was inversely proportional to the probability of nuclear war.

"This means if we follow the Gandhian ideas of life, the chances of war occurring will get lesser and lesser," he said, advising the younger generation to spend more time with wiser people for better advice.

RGU Pro-VC A Mitra, in his video message, referred to Gandhi as a great economist who preached self-sufficiency which is now realised as Atma Nirbhar Bharat.

RGU Registrar N T Rikam said Gandhi is a way of life not only for the Indians but for everyone in the world.

S N Singh, the programme coordinator threw light on the concept of the programme. He said that the International Centre for Gandhian and Peace Studies (ICGPS) of the university has been conducting a series of such programmes to highlight the importance of Mahatma Gandhi.

Kottu Sekhar from Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development said his institute is offering many courses and research in youth development.

Ashan Riddi, Head of the Department of History, in his welcome address, said the university was fortunate to experience many eminent speakers highlighting the ideas of Gandhi and his teachings.

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RGU conducts int'l symposium on Gandhian ideas

October 10, 2022



RONO HILLS, 9 Oct: Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) here on Sunday organised an international symposium on 'Gandhian ideas' as part of a series of programmes under the celebration of the 'Pakhwada

on Mahatma Gandhi', marking Gandhi Jayanti.

The fortnight-long programme started on 3 October and will continue till 17 October.

In his keynote address, Prof Christian Bartolf of Free University, Berlin, Germany, presented five writings of Gandhi.

"I will certainly not talk about Gandhi, but I want to share with you five texts that are of particularly great importance, which he wrote not only for India but for the world," he said, and explained "the writings of Gandhi and their communications with other world reformers."

Prof Gollanapalli Prasad of Hyderabad-based Gandhi-King Foundation spoke about the Gandhian ideas of truth and non-violence. He also explained the fundamental concepts of the Gandhian ideas of 'Sarvodaya, Swaraj, Swadeshi, and Satyagraha'.

RGU Vice Chancellor Prof Saket Kushwaha explained Gandhi "in a mathematical sense." He said that "Gandhiji is inversely proportional to the probability of nuclear war.

"If we follow the Gandhian ideas of life, the chances of war occurring will get lesser and lesser," he said.

The VC advised the younger generation to spend more time with wiser people, "as they are the ones who prescribe better advice."

RGU Pro-VC Prof A Mitra in a video message referred to Gandhi as "a great economist," saying that "Gandhiji preached about the need of self-sufficiency, which is only now realised as a policy called Atmanirbhar Bharat."

"Gandhiji also gave immense importance to the conservation of environment," Prof Mitra said, and added: "Presently, our Earth is suffering from global warming and resource management, which would not have happened if we had learnt from Gandhiji."

Dr Kottu Sekhar from the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development shared his thoughts on his institute collaborating with RGU for the symposium.

RGU Registrar Dr NT Rikam spoke about the relevance of Gandhi in the modern times. "Gandhi is known to everyone of us, but the only difference is upon how we perceive him," he said, adding that "Gandhiji is a way of life not only for the Indians but for everyone in the world."

RGU History Department Head Prof Ashan Riddi also spoke.