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Gandhi Jayanti Celebrated as e-Function at ICFAI University, Jharkhand

(Gandhian Principles of Swadeshi, Swachhata and Sarvodaya relevant to address COVID-19 situation)

Today, students and faculty members of the ICFAI University, Jharkhand paid homage to Mahatma Gandhi on his 151st Birthday and to Lal Bahadur Shashtri on his 116th Birthday at an e-Function held at the University. Theme of the function was "Revisiting Gandhian thoughts on Health, Sanitation and Wellbeing during COVID-19 Times". Debate Competition, Quiz program and Sketches on the life and messages of Mahatma Gandhi were organized on the occasion. Besides, a competition on "Innovative Ideas for Environmental Protection" was held.

Addressing the students and employees of the University, Prof O R S Rao, Vice-Chancellor of the University said, "Factors like Changed Life Styles, Rapid Urbanization and Globalization contributed to explosion of COVID-19 into a Pandemic , which caused havoc to life and livelihood across the Globe. Gandhian Principles of Swadeshi, Swachhata and Sarvodaya are relevant even today, not only for containing COVID- 19 but also for enabling speedier recovery and sustenance of the Economy". "Our Prime Minister , Sri Narendra Modi has been pursuing the same initiatives with a Missionary Zeal", added Prof Rao.

Speaking on the Life and messages of Mahatma Gandhi, students recalled his focus on Diet, Exercise and Meditation for preserving physical and mental health. Speakers also emphasized on how he became a role model by demonstrated his principles in his day-to-day life. They opined that we should follow his advice of "Be the Change you want to see in the world" through "high thinking and simple living.

Awards of recognition were presented to the participants in the competitions. First prize for Speech Competition went to Ms Manshi (LLB-3rd sem) whereas for the sketching competition, it went to Mr Aman Shresth (DIT-3rd Sem). Top 3 prizes for Quiz competition were awarded to Mr Mayank (BBA-3rd Sem), Ms Shobhana Samarth(MBA-3rd Sem) and Ms Tanvangee Latha (BTech-5th sem). First Prize for the most innovative idea was given to Ms Shobhana Samarth (MBA-3rd Sem) for her idea on how old unused clothes can be used to make value-added items like carpets and decorative materials.

Prof Arvind Kumar, Registrar and Senior Faculty members also addressed the audience. A number of students of the University participated in the function. Ms Tannu Priya (MBA-3rd Sem) anchored the event.

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