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DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

REPORT ON GANDHI JAYANTI CELEBRATIONS

Quiz and Elocution Competitions

Date of Programme: 2 October 2026

The Department of Political Science, Government College (Autonomous), Rajahmundry, organised a special programme on the occasion of **Gandhi Jayanti on 2 October 2026** to commemorate the birth anniversary of **Mahatma Gandhi**, the Father of the Nation. As part of the celebrations, the Department conducted **Quiz and Elocution Competitions** to encourage students to learn about the life, philosophy, political ideas, writings and contribution of Mahatma Gandhi to India's freedom struggle.

The programme was organised with the objective of creating awareness among students about Gandhian values such as **truth, non-violence, simplicity, self-discipline, tolerance, social harmony and peaceful resistance**. The competitions also provided students with an opportunity to develop their communication skills, analytical thinking, general awareness and confidence.

Participation of Students

Students from **B.A. Political Science Honours, B.A. Political Science and Postgraduate programmes** actively participated in the programme. The participation of students from different levels of study created an academic and interactive atmosphere and encouraged students to share their knowledge and ideas.

The **Quiz Competition** covered various aspects of Mahatma Gandhi's life and work, including:





Gandhi's early life and education

- His experiences and political activities in South Africa
- Satyagraha and Ahimsa
- Major movements of the Indian freedom struggle
- Non-Cooperation Movement
- Civil Disobedience Movement
- Salt Satyagraha and Dandi March
- Quit India Movement
- Gandhian constructive programmes
- Gandhi's writings and political thought
- His contribution to social reform and national integration
- Important events in Gandhi's life

The **Elocution Competition** provided students with an opportunity to express their views on Gandhian philosophy, his contribution to India's freedom movement and the relevance of his principles in contemporary society. Students demonstrated considerable interest, confidence and enthusiasm while presenting their views.



Prize Distribution Ceremony

The prizes and certificates were distributed on 2 October 2026 as part of the Gandhi Jayanti celebrations. The **Principal of Government College (Autonomous), Rajahmundry**, distributed the prizes to the winners and appreciated the efforts of the Department and the active participation of the students.

The Principal encouraged the students to understand Gandhi's ideals not merely as historical concepts but as values that can be applied in everyday life. The students were encouraged to cultivate qualities such as discipline, tolerance, respect for others, peaceful dialogue and social responsibility.

The prize distribution ceremony provided recognition to the students who performed well in the competitions and motivated other students to participate actively in future academic and co-curricular activities.



Role of the Department Faculty

The programme was conducted under the guidance and supervision of the faculty members of the Department of Political Science.

Dr. K. Sita Mahalakshmi, Head of the Department, provided academic guidance and leadership for organising the programme. The faculty members actively participated in the planning, coordination and successful conduct of the competitions and celebrations.

The following faculty members participated in the programme:

1. **Dr. K. Sita Mahalakshmi – Head of the Department**
2. **Smt. Syed Farha Yasroon – Lecturer in Political Science**
3. **Smt. G. Lakshmi Kumari – Lecturer in Political Science**
4. **Sri Ch. Rama Rao – Lecturer in Political Science**
5. **Smt. K.P.B.L. Saroja – Lecturer in Political Science**
6. **Sri A. Ramakrishna – Lecturer in Political Science**

The collective efforts of the faculty members contributed significantly to the successful organisation of the programme.

Educational Significance

The Gandhi Jayanti celebrations served as an important **experiential learning and co-curricular activity** for the students of Political Science. The competitions helped students connect their classroom learning with the historical and political context of India's freedom struggle.

The Quiz Competition enhanced students' knowledge and encouraged them to recall and analyse important events, personalities, movements and concepts associated with Gandhi. The Elocution Competition, meanwhile, helped students improve their public speaking, presentation skills, confidence and ability to organise and communicate ideas effectively.

The programme also highlighted the importance of Gandhian principles in contemporary democratic society. Students were encouraged to reflect on the values of peaceful conflict resolution, social justice, communal harmony, equality and responsible citizenship.

Outcome of the Programme

The Gandhi Jayanti programme achieved its intended objectives by:

- Creating awareness about Mahatma Gandhi's life and contribution.
- Strengthening students' understanding of the Indian freedom movement.
- Promoting Gandhian values among students.
- Developing students' public speaking and communication skills.
- Encouraging critical thinking and healthy academic competition.
- Providing opportunities for students to demonstrate their knowledge and talents.
- Promoting interaction among students from B.A. Political Science Honours, B.A. Political Science and PG programmes.
- Encouraging active participation in co-curricular and departmental activities.
- Connecting classroom learning with historical and contemporary social issues.

Conclusion

The **Gandhi Jayanti celebrations organised by the Department of Political Science on 2 October 2026** were conducted successfully with enthusiastic participation from the students. The Quiz and Elocution Competitions created an intellectually stimulating environment and enabled students to explore the life, ideas and contributions of Mahatma Gandhi.

The prize distribution by the Principal added significance to the programme and motivated the students to participate actively in future academic and co-curricular activities. The programme successfully promoted awareness of **Gandhian values, democratic citizenship, social responsibility and peaceful coexistence** among the students.

The Department of Political Science expresses its appreciation to the Principal, faculty members and all participating students for their cooperation and contribution towards the successful conduct of the Gandhi Jayanti celebrations.