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Event: Academic Field Visit

Date of Visit: October 1, 2026 (Thursday)

Location 1: Kasturba Gandhi Ashram, Seethanagaram

Location 2: Thota Venkatachalam Lift Irrigation, Purushothapatnam

Target Audience: UG Political Science Honours & PG Political Science

Media Reference: Eenadu Newspaper (East Godavari, Oct 2, 2026)

1. INTRODUCTION & ACADEMIC CONTEXT

As part of the curriculum enhancement and experiential learning initiatives, the Department of Political Science at Government College (Autonomous), Rajahmundry organized a comprehensive field visit on October 1, 2026. The study tour was specifically curated for Undergraduate Political Science Honours and Postgraduate Political Science students to bridge classroom theoretical concepts with practical historical, political, and developmental realities.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY VISIT

- **Gandhian Ideology & Freedom Movement:** To explore the historical significance of Seethanagaram Kasturba Gandhi Ashram and understand the practical application of Gandhian principles during the Indian National Movement.
- **Public Policy & Governance Infrastructure:** To study the operational dynamics of public water management and irrigation projects through a direct visit to the Thota Venkatachalam Lift Irrigation Scheme in Purushothapatnam.
- **Experiential Political Learning:** To provide students with insights into regional socio-political history, rural development strategies, and community organization.

3. MEDIA COVERAGE & VERIFICATION



కస్తూర్బా గాంధీ ఆశ్రమం సందర్శన



దేవీపాట్, న్యూస్ టుడే: కేత్ర వర్తమానంలో భాగంగా రాజమహేంద్రవరం ప్రభుత్వ ఆర్ట్స్ కళాశాల రాజనీతిశాస్త్ర విభాగం విద్యార్థులు గురువారం సీతా నగరంలోని కస్తూర్బా గాంధీ ఆశ్రమాన్ని సందర్శించారు. విద్యార్థులు గాంధీ సిద్ధాంతాల చారిత్రక ప్రాధాన్యం, భారత స్వాతంత్ర్య ఉద్యమంలో గాంధీ చేసిన కృషి తెలుసుకున్నారు. అనంతరం వారు పురుషోత్తపట్నంలోని తోట వెంకటాచలం లిఫ్ట్ ఇరిగేషన్ ప్రాజెక్టు సందర్శించారు. రాజనీతి విభాగాధిపతి డాక్టర్ ఇ.కె.ఎం. శ్రీనివాస్ ఈ సందర్భంగా మాట్లాడుతూ, "గాంధీజీ ఆలోచనలు, విలువలు ఆధునిక భారతదేశానికి మార్గదర్శకంగా ఉన్నాయి. ఈ సందర్శన విద్యార్థులకు గాంధీజీ ఆలోచనలను అర్థం చేసుకోవడానికి అవకాశం కల్పించింది."

Press Report Source: Eenadu (East Godavari Edition, October 2, 2026, Page 5)

Headline: "కసూరిబా గాంధీఆశ్రమాన్ని సందర్శించిన విద్యార్థులు."

Summary: The press clipping documents the educational visit conducted by the Political Science Department of Govt. College (A), Rajahmundry. It highlights the participation of students and faculty in observing the historical significance of the ashram, Gandhian philosophy, and the subsequent study visit to the Purushothapatnam irrigation project.

4. KEY HIGHLIGHTS & OBSERVATIONS

Session I: Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust / Ashram (Seethanagaram)

Students arrived at the historic Kasturba Gandhi Ashram in Seethanagaram during the morning session. Faculty members and ashram representatives educated the students on how this ashram served as a major strategic hub during the Indian Freedom Struggle in Coastal Andhra. Students gained direct exposure to:

- The application of *Satyagraha*, *Ahimsa* (Non-violence), and *Swadeshi* principles in daily living.
- Historical archives detailing Mahatma Gandhi's personal visits and contributions to East Godavari district.
- Rural reconstruction, khadi promotion, and women empowerment programs maintained by the trust.

Session II: Thota Venkatachalam Lift Irrigation Project (Purushothapatnam)

In the afternoon session, the delegation visited the Thota Venkatachalam (Pushkara) Lift Irrigation Scheme located in Purushothapatnam. The visit provided practical awareness regarding state administration and public infrastructure:

- Understanding river water diversion mechanics and lift irrigation technology supporting regional agriculture.
- Analyzing the impact of state water policy on rural agrarian economy and local governance.

5. PARTICIPATING FACULTY MEMBERS

The field tour was successfully organized and supervised by a six-member faculty delegation from the Department of Political Science:

S.No.	Faculty Name	Designation / Role
1	Dr. K. Seetha Mahalaxmi	Head of the Department (HOD)
2	Syed Farha Yasroon	Faculty Member
3	G. Laxmi Kumari	Faculty Member
4	Ch. Rama Rao	Faculty Member
5	KPBL Saroja	Faculty Member
6	A. Ramakrishna	Faculty Member

6. CONCLUSION & LEARNING OUTCOMES

The academic field trip provided invaluable exposure to UG Honors and PG Political Science students. It successfully bridged textbook theory with practical historical awareness and governance study. Students expressed high satisfaction with the insights gained regarding Gandhian political ideology and state developmental infrastructure.

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Figure 1

