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To,
The Principal of all Colleges having NSS Unit/s.

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Sub: Celebration of the sesquicentennial birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi ji and UN declared 2nd October as an 'INTERNATIONAL NON-VIOLENCE DAY'.

You are aware that the sesquicentennial birth anniversary of Gandhiji will be celebrated from 2nd October, 2018 to 2nd October 2019 and a wide range of programmes will be organised by all the educational and social organizations/ institutions all over the world. United Nations General Assembly also declared 2nd October as an International Non-violence Day on 15th June, 2007. Since then, University of Mumbai are organizing mass programme of "Bhajan Sandhya" at Gateway of India, Mumbai and various other programmes to celebrate Gandhi jayanti.

Never before has there been so much need of Gandhi's Non-violence in society. In the past also, many great leaders have followed Gandhi's footsteps of Non-violence to lead successful movements, Gandhiji has been the source of inspiration for leaders like Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela, who inspired people to use Non-violence as a tool to fight injustice, conflict and corruption. Gandhi's Principles of Non-violence and people power are relevant and useful irrespective of time and age.

The Series of action programmes to be organized to commemorate sesquicentennial birth anniversary of Gandhiji and International Non-Violence Day.

Theme : From Non-Violence to Humanity - अहिंसा से मानवता तक


During the year, activities will demonstrate the positive role young people can play in making their communities safer. Each day of the week will focus on a specific nonviolent strategy. These include promoting respect, tolerance, anger management, resolving conflicts peacefully and uniting in action.

- 1) Maximum students of colleges NSS unit may gather at play-ground or stadium. One hour Programme may start with **Gandhi's bhajan & peace songs**, followed by a speech by prominent persons. The Programme will end with a Pledge of Non-Violence followed by National anthem.
- 2) Various competitions on **Mahatma Gandhi ji @ 150** through:
 - a) Essay writing
 - b) Elocution
 - c) Quiz
 - d) Slogan writing
 - e) Drama / skit
 - f) drawing
 - g) Street Play- nukkad natak
 - h) Poems & Peace Songs
 - i) Power-point presentation Website
 - j) Portal on Gandhi: Non-violence & Peace
 - k) Making a Documentary of 10-15 minutes based on Political, Social, Economic and Morality of Non-violence & Peace
 - L) Use of various social media to promote the relevance of Gandhiji in 21st century

- 3) Youth Camps, Seminars, Workshops & Lectures on Non-violence, Peace & Gandhi.
- 4) Exams on books of Peace, Non-violence and non-violent leaders like Gandhi, Nelson Mandela & Martin Luther King Jr. etc.
- 5) Exhibition-cum-sale of books on Non-violence & Gandhi
(available with Bombay Sarvodaya Mandal for sale-list can be downloaded from http://www.mkgandhi.org/new_book_list.htm)
- 6) Poster Exhibition on life & works of Mahatma Gandhi (available with Bombay Sarvodaya Mandal for sale – Posters can be downloaded from website <http://www.mkgandhi.org/gposter/gposter.htm>)
- 7) Screening of film on Non-violence and Mahatma Gandhi (available with Bombay Sarvodaya Mandal for sale)
- 8) Observe 2nd October as 'KHADI DAY' in colleges and organize peace rally / bhajan sandhya.
- 9) Publish articles in News Papers on Peace & Non-violence and relevance of Gandhi.
- 10) Peace March in adopted areas with banners & slogans of peace & Non- violence.
- 11) Swachhata Abhiyan on railway stations, bus stops, Government Hospitals, police stations, old age homes, adopted villages / area, slums, schools and public places
- 12) Visit to the Gandhiji memorial like mani bhavan, seva gram, sabarmati etc
- 13) One day of NSS special camp to be devoted for activities on Gandhin Philosophy, Gandhiji life and work.

In this regards all the programmes & activities of NSS may highlight the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi. College NSS Units are requested to plan and organise the activities as suggested above and wide publicity may be given.

Regards,


 Sudhir S. Puranik
 Director, NSS

PLEDGE

"Pledge for Non-Violence & Peace"

On this 'International day on Non-Violence & Peace', we join millions of people the world over, to take this solemn PLEDGE that:

- We shall work for promoting harmony, goodwill, love, non-violence and peace in the world and shall respect all human beings on the grounds of common humanity regardless of race, creed, country, religion, language or gender;
- We shall not support or resort to any violence and intolerance under circumstances;
- We shall always support truth and justice without any fear or prejudices;
- We shall work for the elimination of all weapons & violent means;
- We shall endeavour to resolve all difference through dialogue and constitutional means without resorting to violence.
- We further pledge that we shall strive to do everything in our power to establish WORLD PEACE.

YES TO PEACE

NO TO VIOLENCE