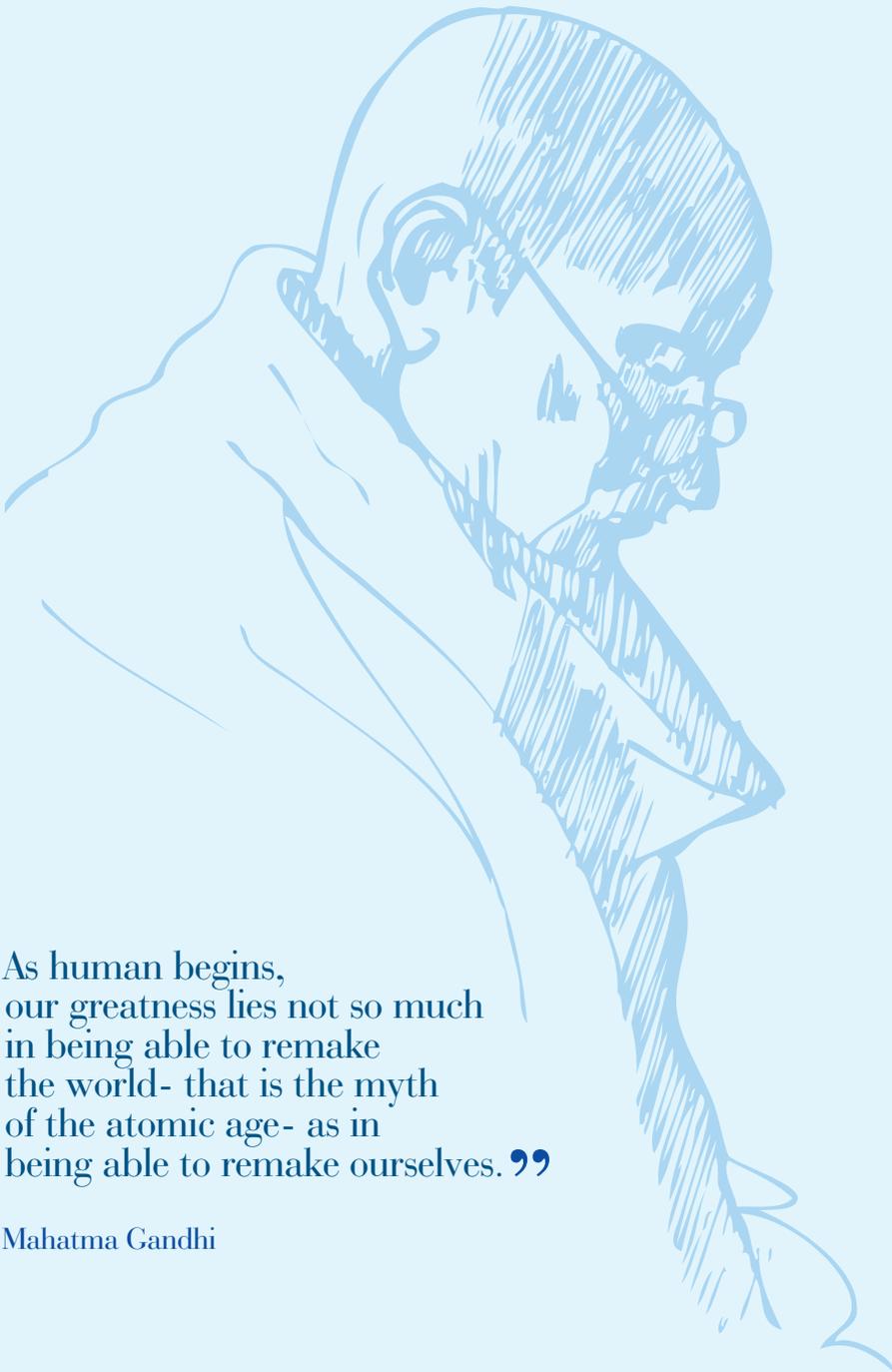


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“As human begins,  
our greatness lies not so much  
in being able to remake  
the world- that is the myth  
of the atomic age- as in  
being able to remake ourselves.”

Mahatma Gandhi



# Mahatma Gandhi University

## Vision

*"Mahatma Gandhi University envisions to excel in the field of higher education and cater to the scholastic and developmental needs of the individual, through the continuous creation of a critical knowledge base for the society's sustained and inclusive growth."*

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## Mission

To conduct and support undergraduate, postgraduate and research-level programmes of quality in different disciplines.

To foster teaching, research and extension activities for the creation of new knowledge for the development of society.

To help in the creation and development of manpower that would provide intellectual leadership to the community.

To provide skilled manpower to the professional, industrial and service sectors to meet global demands.

To help promote the cultural heritage of the nation and preserve the environmental sustainability and quality of life.

To cater to the holistic development of the region through academic leadership.

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## From the desk of Pro-Vice Chancellor in charge of the Vice-Chancellor



The University now in its 30th year of existence has made vast strides in all areas like academics, research, collaboration and extension. This year saw many experts in various fields like Nano Science and Nano Technology visiting the University and interacting with students and research scholars. The imaginative extension activities organized by the award winning NSS Unit made far reaching impact in society. Deservingly, Dr: A.PJ Abdul Kalam graced the sapling planting drive in St: Teresa's College, Ernakulam, one of the affiliated colleges. School of Behavioral Sciences

conducted a few International Seminars to empower the disabled children.

Eventually in November 2013 in a classically organized ceremony the University conferred one DSc and three D.Litts on eminent personalities and achievers from various fields. The conferees are Dr: CNR Rao (D.Sc), Sri: N.Ram, Sri: A.Ramachandran and the late V. Dakshinamoorthy. Certainly, the coming years would see an even greater thrust of the young University catapulting it into national recognition. ■

## Special convocation- Honoring Distinction

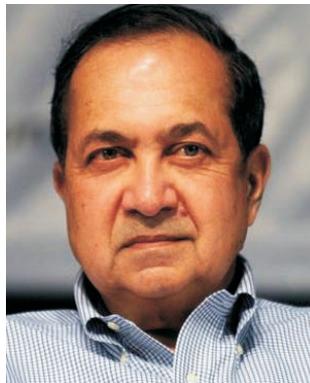
20th November 2013 was a red letter day in the annals of the University's academics. On this day the University honoured four distinguished persons who excelled in various fields by conferring on them honorary degrees of D.Sc and D. Litts.

Bharat Ratna, Dr: C.N.R. Rao, the well known Scientist specializing in NanoScience and NanoTechnology was the recipient of Doctor of Science (D.Sc). The convocation address honoring Prof: C.N.R Rao was made by the honourable Chancellor and Governor of Kerala Shri: Nikhil Kumar.

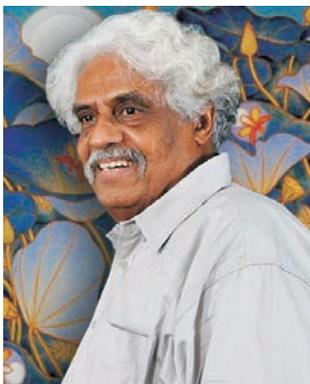
The three D.Litts were conferred on Sri: N.Ram, illustrious journalist, a Padmabhushan awardee and the Chairman of Kasturi and Sons Ltd; Publishers of 'the Hindu'. Sri: A Ramachandran, the famous painter, sculptor and art educationalist, an alumnus of Viswa Bharati University and Padmabhushan awardee and the late V.Dakhinamoorthy, widely known Carnatic musician



Dr. C.N.R. Rao



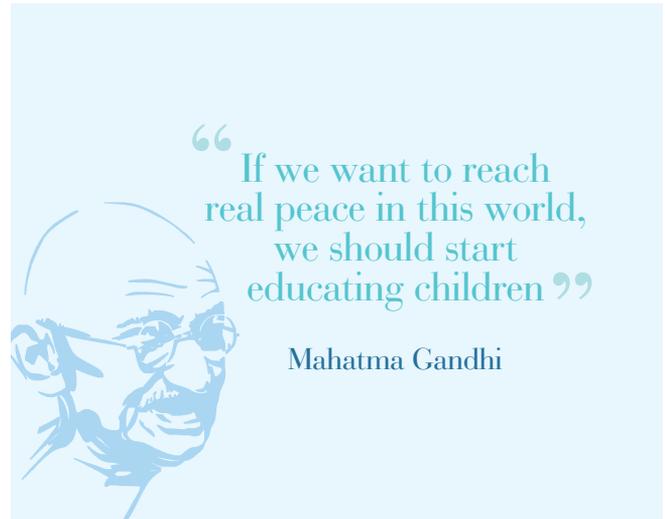
Sri. N.Ram



Sri. A Ramachandran



V.Dakhinamoorthy



Mahatma Gandhi

## Chairs instituted by the University

The University has instituted 19 chairs to honor eminent people. It is aimed to produce new knowledge in the respected areas and spread the ideas those persons put forward.

### Chairs

1. Dr. Paulos Mar Gregorios Chair
2. Nelson Mandela Chair for Afro-Asian Studies
3. KPS Menon Chair for Diplomatic Studies
4. K.R. Narayanan Chair for Human Rights and Social Justice
5. Kuriakose Elias Chavara Chair
6. SreeNarayana Guru Chair
7. Linus Pauling Chair
8. The Chair on Hybrid Materials
9. The Chair on Nanoscience and Nanotechnology
10. G Sankarakurup Chair
11. R Narendra Prasad Chair
12. I C Chacko Chair
13. Vivekananda Chair
14. C H Muhammed Koya Chair
15. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Chair
16. Kannassa Poets Chair
17. Pala Narayanan Nair Chair
18. Vaikom Muhammed Basheer Chair
19. Rajiv Gandhi Chair for Public Policy Studies

# School of Environmental Science

## University in Arctic Expedition

Mahatma Gandhi University has participated in the Indian Arctic Expedition program during August, 2013. It is the first time our University participating in Polar research. Dr. Mahesh Mohan, Assistant Professor of School of Environmental Sciences has participated in this expedition through his project entitled “Mercury Geochemistry in the Sediments of Kongsfjorden, Ny-Alesund, Arctic”. The Base camp of the Expedition was Indian Station “Himadri”, situated at Ny-Alesund in Svalbard Archipelago, Norwegian Arctic. Ny-Alesund is an International research base and is used by more than 12 countries for polar research. We have done extensive research work on mercury pollution and its fate in an Arctic fjord.

## Days of National and International significance

The school has observed days of national and international significance in grand manner with financial support from external funding agencies. The following days have been observed at this school during 2013

**The National Science Day (NSD)-2013** was celebrated by arranging two sessions on February 27th 2013. Dr. T.V. Sajeev, Scientist, KFRI, Thrissur, delivered a talk on 'Genetically Modified Crops and Food Security – Issues and Prospects'. The invited school children, teachers, M.Sc. and M.Phil students, Ph.D. scholars and faculty members from this School and other departments attended this session. In the afternoon session, students from the selected Schools participated in science quiz and poster making competition. Prizes were distributed to the winners. The NSD programme was supported by Kerala State Council for Science Technology and Environment (KSCSTE) with Department of Science and Technology (DST), Govt. of India.

**World Environment Day (WED) 2013:** The school celebrated the World Environment Day (WED) on June 05, 2013 in a befitting manner.

## Eminent scholars visited

As part of Erudite Scholar-in-Residence programme where 5 Nobel Laureates have visited the School of Environment Sciences this year and another 10 scholars from different parts of the world have visited the department.

## Rainwater for Humanity

The School of environmental sciences has launched a major extension programme known as 'Rainwater for Humanity' in collaboration with Brown University (USA), local panchayath and self help groups ([www.rainwaterforhumanity.org](http://www.rainwaterforhumanity.org)). Through this extension programme, the School envisages to adopt small villages with an objective of providing basic amenities like drinking water and sanitation. As a part of this programme the School has installed 1 community rainwater harvesting structure with a capacity of 1.1 lakh litres and 12 ten thousand litre capacity harvesting tanks at Achinakom village in Vechoor Grama Panchayath in Kuttanad region. A total of 56 families are getting drinking water through these tanks. Construction of additional rain water harvesting tanks are in progress.

## National Conference

School of Environment Sciences has organized a 3-day National Conference on 'Heavy Metals in the Environment in collaboration with Department of Environment and Climate Change'



# School of Indian Legal Thought

## All India Human Rights Moot Court

The School of Indian Legal Thought held the 8th All India Human Rights Moot Court Competition during 14 -16, February 2013. The Competition was inaugurated by Dr. A V George, Vice - and Sri Abraham J Puthumana, Finance officer, Mahatma Gandhi University, delivered the valedictory address and distributed the prizes to the participants.



## National Seminar on Family as an Institution

A three Day National Seminar was on Family as an Institution: Modern Realities and Trends in Law was held from 28th February to 2nd March, 2013 and was inaugurated by Dr. Y P Rama Subbaiah, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur.



## Ambedkar Memorial Lecture

The Twelfth Ambedkar Memorial Lecture was held on 12th September, 2013 and was inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) K.N Chandrasekharan Pillai, Former Director National Judicial academy, Bhopal.



## Collaborative Research in ICCS

Institute for Contemporary Chinese Studies collaborated with various Foreign during the current year

Program on India and China initiated with Institute for Chindian Studies, Jinan University, Guangzhou, China

Theme: Internationalization of Higher Education in India and China: Learning from Each Other

Chief Consultant Jane Knight, Adjunct Professor, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto, Canada.

Country Consultant China - Jia Haitao, Director, Institute for Chindian Studies, Jinan University, Guangzhou, China



“By education, I mean an all-round drawing of the best in child and man in body, mind and spirit.”

Mahatma Gandhi

# School of International Relations and Politics

## Data Bank on China

The ICCS created an authentic and reliable database on China. The Database provide knowledge and information on all aspects of Chinese Society, Polity, Economy, Environment, International Relations etc, that will be useful to students, research scholars, academics and policy makers. Besides, the Database will be beneficial to all stakeholders such as industries, researchers, NGOs and media.

## Symposium

The ICCS organized an International Symposium on the theme Political Transition in China and the United States – Implications for India on 28 February 2013 jointly with the KPS Menon Chair.

## Diplomat Lecture

Invited Diplomat Lecture by Ambassador Vinod C. Khanna on the theme *Rise of China: Implications for the Rest of the World* jointly with the Public Diplomacy Division of Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), New Delhi.

Invited Diplomat Lectures by Sri. Muraleedharan Nair, formerly Indian Counsel General, the Indian Mission at Guangzhou, Guangdong of China during November 2015.

## MOU Signed

Dr. Raju K. Thadikkaran and the Director of School of International Relations, Jinan Univeristy exchanging the copy of the MoU between the ICCS and ICS, Jinan University, Guangdong, China.

# NSS Activities During 2013-2014

The NSS activities of Mahatma Gandhi University should started on 5th jun 2013 by Dr. A.V.George, Vice- chancellor by planting trees in the campus. 2000 volunteers have dispruet unites participated in the programme.

## International Day against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking

National Service Scheme of mahatma Gandhi University observed International Day Against Drug Abuse & Ill icit Trafficking on 26th June 2013. In association with Department of Lifelong Learning & Extension, we conduct an oath taking ceremony. A two hour awareness programme on drug abuse was conducted at Nalpathimala, Especially for the Youth and the gents.

## World Blood Donor Day

June 14th was celebrated as World Blood Donor Day in a befitting manner by the National Service Scheme units of the Colleges under the Mahatma Gandhi University. Programmes were conducted to promote awareness on the importance of blood donation.



## World Reading Day

In association with world Reading Day many programmes like Newspaper reading competition and day meeting at the libraries of adopted villages were conducted by the NSS units of affiliated colleges under our University.

## International Literacy Day

Almost all units observed International Literacy Day by organizing programmes like distributing Books, Pen, Pencil and Instrument boxes to Orphan Children.

## Onam Special Camping Programme

The National Service Scheme units of 20 affiliated Colleges conducted Special camping Programme during Onam holidays from 13th September to 22nd September 2013.

## Inter University Workshop

A State Level Inter University workshop on Road Safety Youth for Road Safety was conducted on 11th and 12th October 2013 at Nehru College of Engineering and Research Centre, Pampady.

## Eye Camp

Eye camps were organized by the Volunteers of National Service Scheme units more than 500 persons registered in various eye camps conducted by different units and 150 patients were referred to the hospital for free cataract surgery.



## National Camp

National Service Scheme National Camp was held at Chennai on 11-11-2013 to 17-11-2013.

## Indira Gandhi National Award

Dr.K.Sabukuttan, Programme Co-ordinator, National Service Scheme Mahatma Gandhi University attended the Indira Gandhi National Service Scheme Award Ceremony held at Sasthribhavan New Delhi on 19th November 2013. The National Service Scheme Mahatma Gandhi University secured a certificate of appreciation for the Programme Co-Ordinator's Performance.

## Observance of NSS Day

The National Service Scheme of Mahatma Gandhi University observed the NSS Day in a fulfilling Manner. This year University organized district wise NSS Day Celebrations at Assumption College, Changanacherry, Newman College Thodupuzha and St.Xavier's College, Aluva hosted the district level Programme Officer's Meetings organized by the University on December 5th 2013. Badge & Diary for the year 2013-14 were distributed to the NSS Volunteers on the Day.

## Mega Camp

National Service Scheme Mega Camp 2013 was organized at Tezpur (Assam) from 24th December to 4th January 2014.

## Trainers Training Programme

The National Service Scheme Regional Centre Trivandrum organized a Trainers Training Programmes on Social Harmony and Human Rights in collaboration with RGNIYD, Sreperumbundur. The training programme was held from 12th to 16th November 2013 at Darsana Pastoral Centre Vilanganoor Peechi, the Programme Officer's are participated.



## District Level Conference & Organic Farming Training

District Conference of National Service Scheme Programme Officers and Organic Farming Training to NSS Volunteer Secretaries Programme was held on 3rd December 2013 on 10am at Assumption College, Changanacherry. Sri K.V.Dayal conducted the class. University Organized District wise Organic Farming training to National Service Scheme Volunteers Secretaries at St. Xavier's College, Aluva (for Ernakulam District), Newman College Thodupuzha (for Idukki District) and Assumption College Changanacherry.



## Adventure Programme

National Service Scheme Adventure Camp was held at Manali on 28th December to 6th January 2014.

## Street play against drugs

A street play was conducted in the campus against drugs and alcoholism on the month of January under the leadership of NSS in association with Kerala state youth welfare board and Excise Department. To create awareness among students against drugs and alcohol the team from the youth welfare board played inside the campus for an hour. It was a very thought provoking session for all college students.



Street play by state youth welfare board

## Special Camping Programme (Christmas)

The NSS units of 90 affiliated colleges conducted special camping programme during Christmas holidays.

## Inter Collegiate Camp

Three Day Inter Collegiate camp on Environment and skill development was conducted at MES College Erumely

# A Brief Report of NSS Activities 2012-2013

## Programme Officers' Conference and Award Ceremony

Mahatma Gandhi University, National Service Scheme organized a conference of all programme officers at Alponsa college pala. On that occasion, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr A.V.George distributed NSS Awards and certificates to best NSS units, Volunteers, Programme Officers and Principals.

## Volunteer Secretaries Training Camp

University level Volunteer Secretaries' Training Camp was organized at K.E College Mannanam from 27th September to 29th September 2013. Hon'ble Pro- Vice Chancellor Dr Sheena Shukkur inaugurated the three Day residential training programme. Various seminars and training programmes by eminent personalities enhanced/intensified the quality of the sessions.

## Pre RD Selection Camp

The National Service Scheme of Mahatma Gandhi University had conducted Pre- RD selection camp at B.K. College Amalagiri on 11th September, 2013 at 10 am. Seven Volunteers were selected for the South Zone Pre-Republic Day 2013 from 7th October 2013 at Mahendra Engineering College, Thiruchencode.

## Child protection centre inauguration

A Child protection Centre, a joint venture of Janaseva Sisubhavan, Mahatma Gandhi University N.S.S Department and St. Albert's N.S.S unit, was inaugurated by the District Collector, Mr. P. I. Sheikh Pareeth IAS on August 13, 2013.

Centre is aimed at discouraging child abuse as well as preventing instances of its happening in the state

## Awareness Programme

Anti Drug, Anti – liquor Awareness Programme State Level Inauguration ceremony of Anti-drug, Anti-liquor awareness programme in association with Excise Department in Basелиos College Kottayam.



## Special Camping Programme - Haritha Gramam Project

Colleges under Mahatma Gandhi University, NSS conducted Special camping programme during 2013-14.

The National Service Scheme of Mahatma Gandhi University in association with Kerala State Bio-diversity Board and Social forestry division of Idukki wildlife sanctuary opened a mega camp in 17 wards of Karunapuram grama panchayath as part of Haritha Gramam project.

More than 1500 NSS Volunteers from 11 colleges under the university participated in the week-day camp. 20,000 saplings congenial to the topography and soil conditions in Karunapuram were planted with a view to rebuild the green cover which has been lost over the years due to changing weather conditions.

The volunteers also conducted awareness camps, door to door visits and distribution of pamphlets to spread awareness among the public regarding the serious environmental issues faced by the Grama Panchayath.

Also, a biodiversity survey was conducted in Karunapuram Panchayath to find out various bio resources.



## Youth Leaders Camp

Mahatma Gandhi University in association with Kerala State Youth Welfare Board organized a 3 day youth Leaders Camp on Empowering Youth in Life skills at pastrol Institute, Near St. Thomas College, Pala from 22nd march to 24th march 2013. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of our University Dr. A V George inaugurated the function. Sessions on different topics like Ecological Imbalance and the after effects, Youth and Women Empowerment, Antiragging- Mobile Phone – Internet misuse- legal awareness, Adolescent Health Issues Skill Development were conducted by eminent persons. Almost 100 Volunteers from different University and Directorate participated in the Programme.

## Observation of Important Days

### World Environment Day (June 5)

World Environment Day was observed at Mahatma Gandhi University Campus by planting trees in University Campus. The programme was organized to inculcate the the habit of planting more trees as part of re-vegetating our environment. Almost all units observed World Environment Day by planting wide varieties of saplings in campus and also on the road side. Around 282000 saplings & seedlings were planted in five districts under the jurisdiction of Mahatma Gandhi University.



An NSS volunteer receiving a sapling from former President Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, when he visited St. Teresa's College Ernakulam on 4th June 2013 to plant on Environment Day, (5th June 2013). This was a glorious start for the ongoing NSS activities.

### World Blood Donor Day (June 14)

June 14th was celebrated as World Blood Donor's Day in a befitting manner by the NSS units of the Colleges under the Mahatma Gandhi University. Programmes were conducted to promote awareness on the importance of blood donation.



## World Reading Day (June 19)

In association with world Reading Day, many programmes like newspaper reading competition and day meeting at the libraries of adopted villages were conducted by the NSS units of affiliated colleges under the University.

## World Population Day (July 11)

NSS Units of various colleges conducted programmes to make people aware of the impact of population explosion on environment and sustainable development.



## National Youth Week

On the occasion of 150th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda Mahatma Gandhi University, National Service Scheme organized a one day seminar at University Assembly Hall. All the NSS units observed the day by conducting blood donation camps and shared the life of Swami Vivekananda through speeches and talks and showed our reverence to the great visionary whose words upon which the NSS motto is built 'Not me but You'.

A hand-written magazine focusing on youth empowerment was bought out by NSS Unit of MACFAST, Thiruvalla.



## Independence Day

All units of NSS, observed Independence Day by hoisting the National Flag. As part of Independence Day, BK College, Kottayam conducted a painting exhibition on August 15th 2013.



## International Literacy Day ( Sep 8)

Almost all units observed International Literacy day by organizing programmes like distributing Books, Pen, Pencil and Instrument boxes to orphan children.

## Sadbhavana Day (Aug 20)

The National Service Scheme of Mahatma Gandhi University observed 20th August, the sixth birth anniversary of our former Prime Minister Sri. Rajeev Gandhi as Sadbhavana day by taking Sadhbhavana pledge to promote communal harmony.

## Campus Level Activities

### Environment Enrichment Programme

Energy conservation, Organic vegetable farming, herbal garden, plantation of trees, Pipe composting, Cultivation of Banana, Tapioca. Cleaning and preservation of ponds, neerurava etc are the major activities conducted by the units under environment enrichment programme.

Almost all NSS units organized shuchithwa bhodana yathras in their native district as part of Environment Enrichment Programmes



### Energy Conservation Programme

Intercollegiate competition for speech, quiz and essay on environmental issues, seminars for creating awareness among the community about the problems of environment were conducted by various units.

### House hold vegetable gardens, herbal gardens

In order to achieve the target of setting up a vegetable garden in each household a vegetable seed distribution campaign was conducted in various units. In this event, over 8000 people in the adopted villages and volunteers were benefited by getting seeds to form vegetable gardens in their households.

Almost all NSS units maintains a herbal garden in the college premises which contains a minimum of 50 medicinal plants. Thus plays a major part in preservation and up keeping of trees.

Environmental Sanitation and disposal of garbages are a major hazard in the present world. It is in this context, NSS Units conducted awareness classes in the adopted villages and made them aware of converting their daily degradable kitchen waste into good manure through pipe composting and vermi composting.



### Skill development Programme

All Arts and Science Colleges actively participated in Additional skill Acquisition Programme, A State Government venture to find and select talented trainers from final year UG and PG students of various colleges across Kerala. It is meant to tackle the incompetency of human resources and to equip the students with industry skills. Self Employment Training for paper carry bag making, jewellery making, notebook making, Ornament making, umbrella making etc were given to volunteers so as to enable them to earn while they learn. Self employment training programmes for the widows and economically backward women.

### Cleaning and preservation of ponds, spring

Volunteers of NSS units actively participated in cleaning of accumulated plastic waste, Cleaning premises of hospitals, natural water reservoirs etc. Units also conducted awareness programme on different topics like Clean Home Clean City. NSS unit of MES College, Erumely cleaned and preserved a natural spring and thus promoted Vazhiyora Tourism Project.



### Anti Drug Campaign

Mass procession, seminars etc were conducted in most of the colleges for creating awareness against drugs and alcohol.

### First Aid Training Programme

NSS units of colleges conducted first aid practical training classes for the volunteers and made them confident to analyse an emergency situation and to give correct first aid with appropriate technique and timely intervention.



### Blood Donation Programme

Inspite of organizing at least one blood donation camp in the academic year NSS units under Mahatma Gandhi University donates blood to the patients of nearby places or nearby hospitals when needed. Most of the NSS Units in co-operation of Medical College Blood Bank, Kottayam, Blood donors forum in each districts, Y's men club etc organizes mega blood donation camps and donates blood more than 200 units per camp.

## Red Ribbon Clubs

We have 49 Red Ribbon Clubs in our University which aim at promoting voluntary blood donation in Kerala. Various colleges conducted AIDS Awareness Programmes, Blood Donation Camp etc.



## Safety and Related Issues of Women and Children in Public Transport

'Safety and Related Issues of Women and Children in Public Transport' organised by Kochi City Police and NSS unit of St. Teresa's College, Ernakulam, on 22.06.13 at City West Traffic Conference Hall, Ernakulam.



## Teen Clubs

10 NSS Units of Colleges affiliated to M G University started teen clubs to sensitise the college going adolescent population about Adolescent Reproductive and Sexual Health and to enable them to identify the problems related to ARSH. Yoga, a holistic health improvement programme good for mental and spiritual relaxation and awareness classes were conducted by the teens club.

## Traffic Awareness Campaign

Considering the alarming hike in the number of road accidents various colleges conducted a traffic awareness programme. Posters and slogans related to traffic security were exhibited in public roads. NSS units in Ernakulam district observed April First week as "Road Safety Week" in association with local police stations and implemented various programmes like road show, rallies, street plays, seminars etc. Volunteers conducted mimes on theme like "avoiding use of mobile while driving", "No to drugs and liquor while driving" etc.

## Energy Conservation Programme

### Exhibition

An exhibition on energy conservation was organised by the NSS volunteers to create awareness among the adolescent girls. An organized presentation and display of charts to inculcate conservation habits in adolescent girls were exhibited.



“ Basic education links the children, whether of the cities or the villages, to all that is best and lasting in India.”

Mahatma Gandhi

# Inter University Centre for Disability Studies

## International Seminar

An International Seminar was conducted on 8th January 2013. The topic of the Seminar was 'Emerging Trends in Disability Studies and Management'. The Inauguration was done by Sri. R. Rajan, Deputy Director, Inclusive education for disabled, Thiruvananthapuram and the function was presided by Prof. (Dr.) M.S. Razeena Padmam, Hon. Director, IUCDS. Felicitations were given by Prof. (Dr.) P.S. Sukumaran, School of Behavioural Sciences, M.G University and Mr. G. Sreekumar, Public Relations Officer M.G. University, and Ms. Anna Vander Linden, Netherlands.

The resource persons were three experts from Netherlands Ms. Maria Helthuis, Ms. Anna Vander Linden and Ms. Sophia Berkers. The sessions by the experts were followed by thirty six research paper presentations. The best paper awards were given to Mrs. Preethy K. Kumar and Mr. Venkitesh. The participants were from different fields, teachers from various institutions and colleges, M.Phil and Ph.D students from



different colleges and other professionals. The sessions did by the resource persons were very effective and informative. The seminar was an eye opener for the participants in the management of various disability problems. In the valedictory function. Mementoes for the resource persons and the prizes for best papers were distributed

## Seminar

A one Day Seminar on 'Disabilities and Rehabilitation' was organized by School of Behavioural Sciences in association

with Wisemen's Club, Kottayam. The Vice Chancellor asserted that the School has full-fledged facilities to bring the marginalized disabled students to the mainstream of society.

## School of Social Sciences

### Projects

A major project initiative of the School of Social Sciences during the period under reference is ABILITY. The project marks the first step towards making the School of Social Sciences an academic work site accessible to students and researchers who are challenged by varied physical disabilities, including visual impairment and motor disabilities. When fully accomplished, the services of ABILITY would be available to students and researchers in humanities and social sciences of all campus departments of the Mahatma Gandhi University and, to the extent possible, to those from affiliated post graduate colleges and approved research centres. ABILITY would serve as a content development, training and dissemination hub for the physically challenged, especially for the visually impaired students and researchers of humanities and social sciences across India. It shall also bring out an audio journal of humanities and social sciences research for the visually impaired students and researchers in humanities and social sciences world-wide.

### Seminars

Two-day Seminar on 'Perspectives on Ancient India and Ancient Kerala' led by Dr MGS Narayanan, Director-General, Centre for Heritage Studies, Cochin, October 21-22, 2013.



## Archaeological Museum

The School continued to be active in exaction and salvage of artifacts and the museum collection has been growing at a rapid pace.



## School of Biosciences

### Memorial Lecture

As part of the BIOFEST'13, a memorial lecture in connection with the 150th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda was given by Dr Muralivallabhan, Professor, Vazhoor NSS College on 'Vivekananda and his views on Education'. On the same day an Intercollegiate Quiz Competition was conducted with 45 participants from different affiliated colleges of M.G University. A lecture on Positive mental health was given by Dr Varghese P Punnoose, Head of the department, Psychiatry Alappuzha Medical College.



### Lectures

Prof. Bakthan Singaram, Chemistry & Biochemistry Department, University of California gave a lecture on 'Sweetness and light: Continuous glucose sensing with a fluorescent thin-film hydrogel,' 8th January 2013.



## Consultancy

The School continues to be a major input provider to the Department of Forests and Wildlife, Government of Kerala in chalking out programmes of conservation and livelihood. After the highly successful Periyar Foundation, the School now provides consultancy inputs for establishing the Parambikulam Foundation. Further, the School provided teaching inputs for Management Planning Exercise for PG Diploma in Advanced Wildlife Management, Periyar Tiger Reserve, May 16, 2013.

## International Inter University Centre for Nano Science and Nano Technology

### 2 Day Expert Talk

International Inter University Centre for Nano Science and Nano Technology organized a two day talk by the famous French Material Scientist Mr. Lorrent Ponson in School of Chemical Sciences on the theme 'The Infinite Possibilities of Macro and Micro Hybrid Materials'.

### Talk by Dr Sunny Lukas

Dr Sunny Lukas, Program Coordinator of International Institute for scientific and Academic Collaboration visited the School of Biosciences with his foreign students and gave a talk on 'Adult Stem cells and Bioengineered Tissues'.



### Quiz programme





## Navajeevan visit

Bioscience forum not only contribute to science but also contribute to social welfare development. Recently, the forum visited an NGO, NAVAJEEVAN, an orphanage protecting the homeless and mentally challenged. An amount of Rs.14,000/- was collected from the School and donated. Students along with teachers visited Navajeevan on that day and participated in the Trust's activities.

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## Lecture series

A lecture series, titled Recent Trends In Applied Life Sciences got underway in School of Biosciences. The inaugural lecture was given by Dr Jackson James, Neurobiology Division, RGCB on Stem Cells and Neuronal Differentiation. Next on 22nd October, Dr Suresh kumar, Pennstate University, USA, gave a lecture on 'Acquired Stem cell like features through mediated dedifferentiation.'

Also Prof. Narayan S Hosmane (Dept. Of chemistry & Biochemistry - Northern Illinois University, USA) spoke on Boron and Gadolinium Neutron Capture Therapy for cancer treatment"

On 5th June World environmental day was celebrated along with a documentary film on An Inconvenient Truth. The students and teachers went for a trip to Thenmala and Palaruvi on 21st July 2012. Onam celebrations were conducted on behalf of forum on 19th August 2012. Clean Campus, Green Campus is an initiative of Bioscience forum, which organized cleaning day on November 3rd where surroundings of SBS was cleaned and also a new notice board for forum was cleaned and replaced on the same day.

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## Certificate Distribution Ceremony March -2013

The Department organized the first Certificate Distribution Ceremony on 17th March 2013 at CMS College, Kottayam. The presence of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr AV Thomas, Sri G.Sreekumar, Public Relation Officer and Dr. K. Sabukuttan, Head of the Department, Senate member Dr. C R Harilakshmeendrakumar added to the flavour of the ceremony. Certificate and mementos were given away to meritorious students who have successfully completed the Certificate course in Yogic Science, Organic Farming and Certificate course in Counselling.

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## Department of Life Long Learning and Education

### Four Day Seminar on Organic Farming

The Department organized a four day Seminar on Organic Farming from 31 January to 3 February 2013. Around forty promoters of Organic Farming attended the Seminar. Sri M R Unni, Registrar of Mahatma Gandhi University inaugurated the seminar at 10 am on 31/01/2013. Dr K Sabukuttan, Head, Dept of Lifelong Learning and Extension, Sri K V Deyal, and Sri B Radhakrishnan addressed the gathering during the inaugural ceremony.

Sri KV Deyal, Sri B Radhakrishnan, Dr Elizabeth Joseph, Dr Salikkutty Joseph and Sri C G Prakashan led the sessions. On 3rd February 2013, the Seminar culminated with a Field Visit to the Organic Farms of Sri Mohan Das T K (Recipient of Sarojini Damodaran Foundation's Akshayasree 2012 Award) and Sri C G Prakashan both in Alappuzha District. Certificates were distributed to the participants.

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### World Environment Day

The Department observed World Environment Day on 05/06/2013 by planting herbal plants in the premises of the office. The students of Organic Farming course took initiative in collecting and exchanging rare seeds and saplings.

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### International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

In commemoration of the international day against drug abuse and illicit trafficking, on 26th June the Department organized an Oath Taking Ceremony in association with the National Service Scheme. A two hour awareness programme on Drug Abuse was conducted at Nalpathimala especially for the youth and gents.

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### Malala Solidarity Day

The Department collaborated with the NSS in conducting Malala Solidarity Day on 26th July 2013 at the University Assembly Hall.

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## Certificate Distribution Ceremony

Dr Sheena Shukkur, Hon'ble Pro- Vice Chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi University inaugurated the Certificate Distribution Ceremony on 05/08/2013, Sunday. Dr K Sabukuttan, Head of the Department addressed the gathering. Dr C R Harilakshmeendrakumar, (Member of Senate), Sri Mathew Kanamala, Sri Sanjayanand R, Sri G ChandraSekharan, and student representatives spoke on the occasion. Students of Certificate course in Yogic Science presented an artistic display of yoga postures on the occasion.

## Old Age Day

The Grama Vikas Kendra of the Department celebrated Old Age Day on 1, October 2013. The members of the Grama Vikas Kendra gathered at the Department. Competitions were held on different cultural events and the members participated in a discussion on the challenges faced by the aged people. It was for them a day to cherish the sweet memories of their prime youth and childhood days. Dr K Sabukuttan, Head of the Department,

## Elders' Christmas

Christmas brought new spirit and fresh ideas to the Department, when the staff, students, members of the Grama Vikas Kendra and the beneficiaries of the Personal Development Centre gathered to celebrate Christmas 2013. The elderly members of the Grama Vikas Kendra inaugurated the ceremony. Dr K Sabukuttan, Head of the Department delivered the Christmas message and distributed Christmas gifts to the grannies.

## District Level Organic Farming Training

The Dept of lifelong Learning and Extension, collaborated with the National Service Scheme of Mahatma Gandhi University in the mission to propagate organic farming. District wise training was given to the NSS Volunteer Secretaries belonging to colleges affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University. Training was arranged on 03/12/2013 at Assumption College, Changanacherry (Kottayam District), on 05/12/2013 at St Xavier's Aluva (Ernakulam District), and on 07/12/2013 at Newman College, Thodupuzha ( Idukki District). Dr K Sabukuttan, Head of the Department took initiative in organizing the programmes. Sri K V Deyal Course Coordinator of the Certificate Course in Organic Farming conducted by the Department led the training session.

## Inter University Centre for Social Science Research and Extension

### Workshop on Anthropology of Conservation and Development

A Workshop in Human Ecology was held on 17 December 2013 on the theme Anthropology of Conservation and Development.

### Public Lecture Series

A series of public lectures by eminent scholars were organised by the centre. Dr. Meera Velayudhan, Senior Policy Analyst in Gender and Culture, Centre for Environment and Social Concerns (CESC), Ahmadabad, Pluralist Traditions, Craft Communities and Challenges of a Changing Market: A Study located in Kachchh (Gujarat, Western India), 1 March 2013.

Dr. Meera Velayudhan, Senior Policy Analyst in Gender and Culture, Centre for Environment and Social Concerns (CESC), Addressing Cultures of Memory: Selections from Dakshayani's Autobiography (1912-1978).

Dr. Sanal Mohan, Director, IUCSSRE delivered Special Lectures on the themes Colonialism, Dalits and Christianity: A Historical Analysis on 10 December 2013.

## School of Pure and Applied Physics

### Workshop on Fourier Transforms in (Astro) Physics

SPAP Conducted Three Day workshop on Fourier Transforms in (Astro)Physics at Centre for High Performance Computing. Experts from the field took part.



## Congratulations

### Sarojinee Damodaran Akshayasree Award

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### Best Teacher Educator Award

Best Teacher Educator Award of Council of Teacher Educators, CTE 2013 was won by Dr: Celine Pereira, School of Pedagogical Sciences

### Award for Prof. Sabu Thomas

Prof. Sabu Thomas, School of Chemical Sciences won materials Research Society of India Award 2013.

### List of Ph.D Awardees 2013

Name of Scholar	Branch		
Smt. Girija K. M.	Psychology/ Behavioural Sciences	Sri. Sajith C. Raj	Education / Education
Smt. Lissy Jacob	Mathematics / Science	Sri. Joseph M. M.	Malayalam/Language & Literature
Smt. Mary Francis	Gandhian Studies (Community Health)/ Social Sciences	Smt. Tutu M. John	Mathematics / Science
Sri. P. Asokan	Education / Education	Sri. Subash T.	Commerce / Commerce
Smt. Celine Mathew C.	Home Science / Science	Smt. Jayasree K. S.	Malayalam /Language & Literature
Smt. Aleyamma Mathew	Statistics / Science	Sri. Varughese P. Peter	Education / Education
Smt. Suja Philip	Microbiology / Science	Smt. Lakshmy R.	Biochemistry / Science
Smt. Mercy Varghese	Commerce / Commerce	Smt. Vinisha Bose	Women Studies / Social Sciences
Sri. Siveen K. S.	Immunology / Science	Sri. Shaju Varghese	Malayalam / Language & Literature
Smt. Lijy Jacob	Biochemistry / Science	Sri. Rajeesh A. P.	Law / Law
Smt. Lekshmi Bhai P. S.	Management Studies / Management Sciences	Smt. Annie Varughese	English /Language & Literature
Smt. Dhanya K. C.	Biochemistry / Science	Sri. Pradeep Kumar K.	Commerce / Commerce
Smt. Gigy J. Alex	English / Language & Literature	Sri. George Sebastian	English / Language & Literature
Smt. Rani Sebastian	Statistics / Science	Sri. Shaji P. Thomas	Chemistry / Science
Smt. Simimole Sebastian	Zoology / Science	Smt. Mary Sincy Joseph	Malayalam / Language & Literature
Sri. Ciby Kurian	Malayalam / Language & Literature	Smt. Kalamol T. K.	Malayalam /Language & Literature



Sri. Nibu Thomson	English / Language & Literature	Sri. Sabu Thomas	Political Science/ Social Sciences
Smt. Asha R. Nair	Management Studies / Management Sciences	Smt. Mini K. Paul	Microbiology/Science
Sri. Johnson C. John	Gandhian Studies (Social Work) / Social Sciences	Smt. Mary P. U.	Commerce/Commerce
Smt. Sheelamma Jacob K.	Home Science (Food & Nutrition)/ Science	Sri. Pratheesh P. T.	Biochemistry /Science
Smt. Nisha Satheesh	Chemistry / Science	Smt. K. Asha	Hindi /Language & Literature
Smt. Beena S.	Commerce / Commerce	Smt. Sisy Jose	Rehabilitation Nursing / Behavioural Sciences
Smt. Anjali O.	Physical Education/ Education	Sri. Varkey P. J.	Gandhian Studies/ Social Sciences
Sri. Issac Paul	Education / Education	Smt. Rashmi P. A.	Biotechnology /Science
Smt. Rekha V.B.,	Environmental Science/ Environmental & Atmospheric Sciences	Sri. Joy V. S.	Commerce/Commerce
Sri. A. Surendran	Commerce / Commerce	Sri. Prasanthkumar K. P.	Chemistry/Science
Smt. Trisina M. Alapat	English / Language & Literature	Smt. P. Lakshmi Devi Menon	Zoology/Science
Smt. Milon Franz	English /Language & Literature	Sri. Thomas K. K.	Syriac/ Language & Literature
Smt. Purnima Aravind	Malayalam / Language & Literature	Sri. Shaji Kuriakose	Economics/ Social Sciences
Smt. Jane A. Luke	Statistics / Science	Smt. Betty Rani Isaac	Home Science (Food & Nutrition)/ Science
Smt. Mercy Ignatius	Zoology / Science	Sri. Jomon K. V.	Zoology/Science
Sri. Samuel George	Physics / Science	Sri. Job Joseph	Gandhian Studies/ Social Sciences
Smt. Haseena Beevi A. A.	Economics / Social Sciences	Smt. Lekshmi S.	Education/ Education
Sri. Damodaran K. K.	Commerce / Commerce	Smt. Anu P. Sebastian	Biotechnology/ Science
Smt. Jini Joseph	Biochemistry / Science	Smt. Valsala Devi G.	Malayalam /Language & Literature
Smt. Anilakumari M. C.	Education /Education	Smt. Lalamani P.	Education / Education
Sri. Rajesh Kumar S.	Economics / Social Sciences	Smt. Baby V. O.	Economics / Social Sciences
Sri. Sivaprasad K.	Education / Education	Sri. Abraham George	Commerce / Commerce
Smt. Meena Thomas Irimpan	Botany / Science	Smt. Manju Philip	Botany/Science
Sri. Aloysius O. C.	Commerce / Commerce	Smt. Padma Priya P. V.	Education /Education
Smt. Anu P. T.	Malayalam /Language & Literature	Sri. Sreekanth K. N.	Malayalam /Language & Literature
Sri. Binu P. J.	Physics / Science	Sri. Binoy T. Thomas	Botany/Science
Sri. Mathew P. E.	Commerce / Commerce	Smt. Kala V.	Commerce/ Commerce
Smt. Sree Vrinda Nair N.	Education/Education	Sri. Rony Antony	Bio-Chemistry/ Science
Sri. Saji Kumar K. P.	Psychology/ Behavioural Sciences	Sri. Joseph M. J.	English /Language & Literature
		Smt. Regi P. Mathew	Education/ Education
		Sri. Joy Thomas	History /Social Sciences



Sri. Vishnu Konoorayar K.	International Relations /	Smt. Veena Appukuttan	Education /Education
Social Sciences		Sri. Laju P. Thomas	Gandhian Studies
Sri. Jayapal R.	Physics/Science		(Peace Studies)/
Sri. Arun Babu Zachariah	Gandhian Studies		Social Sciences
	(Education)/	Smt. Resmi G.	Economics/
	Social Sciences		Social Sciences
Smt. Jiji Thomas	Bio Science / Science	Sri. Saji Abraham	Management Studies/
Smt. Veena S.	Malayalam /Language &		Management Sciences
	Literature	Smt. Sheeba Krishnan	Education/Education
Sri. Abdel Salam K.U.	Chemistry /Science	Smt. Suma Cyriac	Malayalam / Language &
Sri. Jyothis P. Kuruvilla	English /Language &		Literature
	Literature	Smt. Jolly K. James	Social Work/
Sri. Rajeev M.M.	International Relations/		Social Sciences
	Social Sciences	Smt. Sindhu E. R.	Biochemistry/Science
Smt. Prathibha Vasudevan	Physics /Science	Sri. Madhu S. Nair	Computer Science/
Smt. Bindu Jamal	English /Language &		Science
	Literature	Sri. Joby Paul	Environmental Science/
Smt. Shima Mathew	English /Language &		Environmental and
	Literature		Atmospheric Sciences
Sri. Krishnan S.	Economics /	Smt. Betty P. J.	Education/Education
	Social Sciences	Sri. Sunil Kumar K.	International Relations /
Smt. Nafeesathul Misiriya P.V.	Economics/		Social Sciences
	Social Sciences	Sri. Appu Jacob John	English / Language &
Smt. Jisha John	Economics/		Literature
	Social Sciences	Smt. Marykutty James	Physics / Science
Smt. Rajasree S.	Education /Education	Smt. Remya Ramachandran	Commerce / Commerce
Smt. Lekshmy P.L.	History /Social Sciences	Sri. Salomon K.	Social Work /
Smt. Aleyamma Kuruvilla	Zoology /Science		Social Sciences
Sri. Sabu Layan P.J.	Economics/	Smt. Dhanya K. R.	Chemistry / Sciences
	Social Sciences	Smt. Anjaly Jose	Mathematics / Science
Smt. Vinu T. Vadakel	Physics /Science	Smt. Lovelymol Sebastian	Mathematics / Science
Smt. Kala T.V.	Hindi /Language &	Sri. Arun Kumar K. V.	Physics / Science
	Literature	Smt. Bindu Abraham	Statistics / Science
Sri. Koshy P.M.	Environmental Science/	Sri. Ullas Thomas	Mathematics / Science
	Environmental and		
	Atmospheric Sciences		



“Education should be so revolutionized as to answer the wants of the poorest villager, instead of answering those of an imperial exploiter.”

Mahatma Gandhi

Literacy  
in itself is no education.  
Literacy  
is not the end of education  
or even the beginning.  
By education  
I mean  
an all-round drawing  
out of the best  
in the child and man-body,  
mind and spirit.

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